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Tremor death toll rises as California governor declares state of emergency

Los Angeles ablaze after quake strikes

By Giles Whittell in Los Angeles and Our Foreign Staff

■ *President Clinton promises swift help for Los Angeles after complaints that red tape delayed federal aid for victims of the Midwest floods and Malibu fires*

A VIOLENT earthquake shook Los Angeles yesterday, killing at least 16 people, buckling highways, wrecking thousands of homes and sparking hundreds of fires that left the city shrouded in black smoke.

The quake, which struck the San Fernando Valley northwest of the city at 4.31am, was the worst in southern California for forty years, measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale. Some three million people felt its impact as it reverberated from Las Vegas to San Diego, followed by more than twenty aftershocks.

The Los Angeles mayor and the governor of California declared states of emergency and called out the National Guard, while President Clinton offered to do everything humanly possible to help. He indicated that he would declare the region a disaster area, opening the way for federal aid.

Although the quake was not as strong as some in recent years, it was unusually destructive because its epicentre was in a densely populated area. Its timing — two hours before rush hour on a national holiday honouring Martin Luther King — almost certainly saved many lives.

Those who died included at least seven people in a collapsed block of flats near the epicentre in Northridge, half a dozen heart attack victims, a police motorcyclist who drove off a freeway that split in two, and a woman who slipped in her home, hit a cot and broke her neck.

Two more people were killed when their hillside home in Sherman Oaks collapsed, and another man from the affluent San Fernando Valley suburb said: "This place was moving like a jackhammer was going at it. Our bedroom wall tore away. I was looking at the ceiling one moment, then I was looking at the sky. I thought we were dead."

Throughout the region, ruptured gas mains sent fireballs soaring into the sky, and dozens of cars in San Fernando exploded from the heat of the gas fires. But as water from burst mains went gushing down the streets, firefighters wading through floods had to turn to swimming pools for water to tackle the blazes when the pressure from hydrants failed.

Traffic was brought to a standstill as the highways buckled and collapsed. At least three motorists were crushed when a bridge over the Santa Monica freeway in downtown Los Angeles collapsed, and another bridge over the Simi Valley freeway gave way in several places.

The motorcyclist who died was killed when the intersection of the Golden State and Antelope Valley freeways in the San Fernando Valley broke up. "We heard his tyres screeching when we were assisting a pregnant woman on the interchange and everyone turned around and we saw the light of a motorcycle pitch over the side," a witness said.

Hospitals were inundated with hundreds of "walking wounded", and at the Sylmar hospital those not seriously injured were told to look elsewhere. "We have no power, no laboratory, no x-rays, no pharmacy and almost no food," the disaster co-ordinator Mark Wallerstein said. The hospital was later operating on emergency power.

Ninety per cent of the city was without power for part of the day and the main airport was closed for two hours. As burglar alarms, car alarms and emergency sirens blended into a constant wail, there were isolated reports of looting and frequent instances of heroism as rescuers pulled people from collapsed buildings and prised motorists from smashed cars.

At Northridge, the fire captain Steve Bascom said of the block of flats where at least seven people were killed: "We've got a three-storey apartment that's now a two-storey. We've got people we're pulling out all the time." Hundreds of people watched as firefighters searched the rubble of the building, which housed mostly students from California State University.

Dozens of homes in Sylmar, Granada Hills and Sherman Oaks were destroyed by fire, and million-dollar yachts were sunk as the quake wrecked marinas. Shopping centres, including the exclusive Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, were strewn with glass and ruined merchandise. A freight train carrying 14 tanks of sulphuric acid overturned between Chatsworth and Northridge, but there were no reports of leaks or injuries.

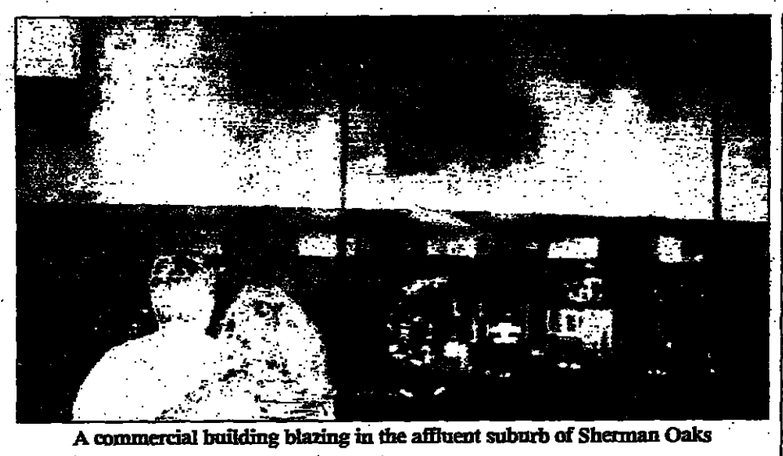
Mayor Richard Riordan said the 40-second quake, on a fault line about 20 miles from the San Andreas fault, had caused major damage, but he insisted that the city had the situation under control.

Governor Pete Wilson called up 1,500 National Guard troops to help with the emergency, and expressed relief at the timing of the tremor. "We were spared what might have occurred if this had been three hours later on a normal day," he said.

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Devastation in the Los Angeles suburb of Sylmar after a section of the highway collapsed in the quake, hurling two cars into a wall below



A commercial building blazing in the affluent suburb of Sherman Oaks

Queen breaks wrist

By Andrew Pierce

THE QUEEN has broken her left wrist in a fall from a horse on the Sandringham estate.

The horse tripped and fell when the Queen, accompanied by a groom, was out riding on Saturday. She fell on her wrist and fractured the scaphoid



bone. The break is not serious, but the Queen, who will have to wear a plaster cast on her lower arm for some weeks, could

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Hurd denies he will go

DOUGLAS Hurd denied yesterday that there was any leadership crisis in the Conservative Party, and dismissed suggestions that he was planning to leave the Government later in the year.

The Foreign Secretary's intervention came as senior rightwingers threw their weight behind Michael Portillo as a future Tory Leader and Downing Street widened its clash with the media by criticising the BBC for its handling of recent events.

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Major's evidence on Iraq shows Whitehall confusion

By Michael Dynes and Nicholas Wood

JOHN Major yesterday attempted to distance himself from the arms-to-Iraq affair by insisting that he was never fully briefed by officials about any changes in the Government's arms export policy.

He told Lord Justice Scott's enquiry that he held three of the highest offices of state without being informed of any decision to boost exports of defence equipment to Iraq before the invasion of Kuwait by President Saddam Hussein of Iraq in August 1990.

It was the first time that a serving Prime Minister has been called by a member of the judiciary to account publicly for the execution of a government policy.

Mr Major told Presiley Baxendale, QC to the enquiry, that at no time while he was Foreign Secretary, Chancellor of the Exchequer or Prime Minister, was he involved in the "consideration, amendment or interpretation" of the arms export guidelines put in place by Lord Howe of Aberavon in October 1984.

Responding to Mr Major's evidence, Robin Cook, the Labour trade and industry spokesman, insisted that the Prime Minister's explanation that he had not known what was going on left Mr Major open to the charge "that he is a Prime Minister not in control of his government".

Giving his evidence in front of a packed enquiry, Mr Major painted an extraordinary picture of confusion at the heart of Government over the precise nature of Britain's arms export policy in the run-up to Iraq's invasion.

He said he had ordered a trawl of Whitehall documents after the acquittal in November 1992 of the three Matrix Churchill defendants accused of illegally exporting defence equipment to Iraq. It revealed that some officials believed that the export guidelines had been secretly relaxed, while others were convinced that the relaxation had not been implemented.

Mr Major told the enquiry that ministers were determined to avoid accusations of a government "cover-up," and ordered all relevant documents to be reviewed. The trawl of documents generated a "frenetic atmosphere" across Whitehall. Mr Major insisted,

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400,000 more will pay tax, Treasury admits

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

SOME 400,000 more people will be drawn into the tax net in April because of the Government's decision to freeze tax allowances in the last two Budgets, the Treasury admitted last night.

The figure, representing a reversal of the Government's avowed aim of taking more people out of tax, was given in a Commons written reply and will give more ammunition to Labour in its attempt to destroy the Conservatives' reputation as the low-tax party.

It follows last week's disclosure by *The Times* that an average family will pay far more income tax and national insurance from April than it would have done in the last year of the Labour Government, a finding described by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, as "piffle".

Stephen Dorrell, the Trea-

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Hospital gaffe gives pupils hands-on experience

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

TWO 15-year-old school pupils were asked to stitch patients' wounds after being mistaken for medical students during work experience at a hospital.

The boy and girl, both wearing white coats, were introduced as "fourth years" on separate occasions on Tuesday and Thursday last week to a senior house officer in the casualty department at Glasgow Royal Infirmary. He assumed that they were fourth-year medical students, and invited them to stitch patients he was treating.

The boy, from Balfron High School in Stirlingshire, has not been named. He said: "The doctor inserted the needle in the first stitch and I got to tie the knot and finish it off. It was a bit dodgy. The second stitch, which I did myself with the doctor looking on, was much better. I was shaking a bit, but it was quite exciting."

The pupils helped to stitch a plumber's head injury and an elderly woman's leg. Both wounds were minor and needed no more than four stitches each. In neither case was the identity of the pupils realised, though they could not finish the stitches, which would have posed no trouble to a fourth-year medical student.

Greater Glasgow Health Board said yesterday that the doctor completed the treatment and discharged the patients satisfactorily. The hospital blamed poor communications and lax systems. Children on work placement would normally be restricted to nursing areas and geriatric units, but the request from their head teacher went through the wrong channels and bypassed the hospital general manager, Nigel Clifford, who said he had apologised to the patients. "Systems must clearly be far tighter. In future, all school pupils on work placement will wear clear identification badges and be introduced to the person in charge of each department as non-clinical personnel."

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I see no leadership crisis, Hurd tells Major's enemies

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

DOUGLAS Hurd gave John Major a much-needed boost yesterday by denying for the first time persistent speculation he was planning to leave the Government later this year.

The Foreign Secretary said there was no leadership crisis and pinpointed John Major's quiet style as one of the reasons for the attacks on him by the admirers of Baroness Thatcher.

He denied that he was staying only because Mr Major had asked him to do so, another of the allegations that surfaced after last week's private Downing Street dinner.

At the same time Mr Hurd went close to blaming the Thatcherite right inside the press and media for some of Mr Major's troubles.

The Foreign Secretary backed Downing Street in its battle with the broadcasters and the press by accusing some newspapers of building up "a crisis that isn't real", as the row over reports that the Prime Minister had vowed to "crucify" the right continued.

He said: "There is clearly not a leadership crisis. There was not one in the autumn when a lot of the national papers were reporting one and there certainly is not one now.

"The Prime Minister has given the lead and as the economic recovery continues, as people feel more secure and prosperous in their own lives, the lead he has given will begin to have an effect on the way people look at the Government and at politicians."

He went on: "The kind of leadership he gives is different from that which Margaret Thatcher gave and this causes some of the difficulty for some of the people who quite understandably and rightly admired her. But each prime minister is bound to have their own style of leadership.

"I personally think that the style of leadership which John Major gives, which is quieter but I believe equally firm, is apt and is needed for the 1990s."

As the Cabinet rallied behind Mr Major, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, brushed off the Government's problems as a "rough patch" from which it would bounce back. John Redwood, the right-wing Welsh Secretary, insisted the Cabinet was united and accepted Mr Major's denial of alleged comments about tackling the right. Stephen Dorrell, a Treasury minister, dismissed talk of a challenge to Mr Major later this year as "bar-room gossip."

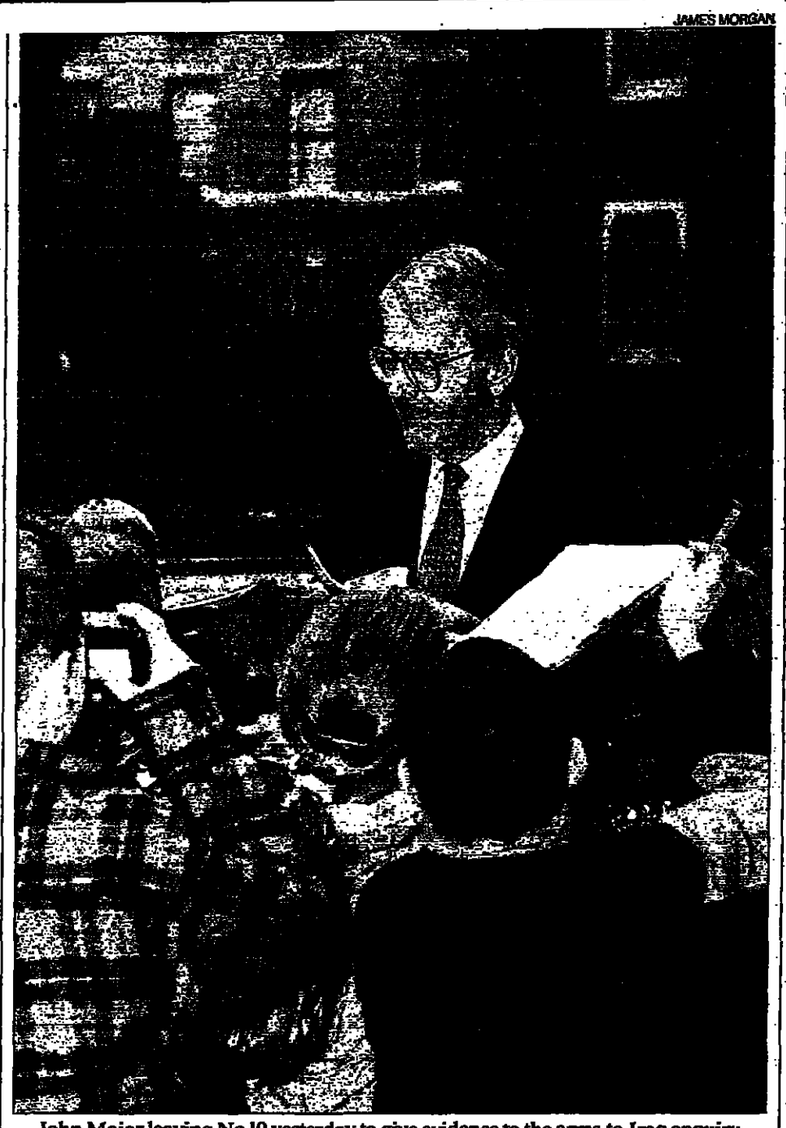
But in a further indication of the febrile political mood, senior rightwingers threw their weight behind Michael Portillo as a future Tory leader. Lord Parkinson, the former party chairman, said that if and when there was an election the Chief Secretary to the Treasury would "not be short of friends".

Lord Parkinson, a member of the right-wing Conservative Way Forward group, said that Mr Portillo drew a large audience when addressing the group on Friday "and they said, 'You have been very good to us, and if and when there is a chance to help you, you can count on us'".

Downing Street criticised the way the BBC had handled last week's events. It said that a *Newsnight* programme had wrongly suggested Mr Major was unhappy with Mr Portillo's speech in defence of British institutions, when it had been cleared by the Prime Minister in advance, and that another programme had wrongly described a routine meeting at No 10 as a crisis meeting on back to basics.

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JAMES MORGAN



John Major leaving No 10 yesterday to give evidence to the arms-to-Iraq enquiry

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however, that he was still not convinced that the Howe guidelines had ever been changed.

Pressed by Lord Justice Scott over whether William Waldegrave, the Foreign Office minister, Alan Clark, the trade minister, and Lord Trefgarne, the defence minister, had secretly agreed to change the arms export guidelines in December 1988, Mr Major said that was a question that only the enquiry could decide.

He was adamant, however, that answers to parliamentary questions were always "honest and truthful" and that Parliament had never been knowingly misled. Answers to parliamentary questions were something of an "art form", but they were never answered in a manner designed to "mislead or avoid political embarrassment", the Prime Minister said.

Later Gerald Kaufman, Labour's former foreign affairs spokesman, insisted that in the past Mr Major had conceded that the guidelines had been changed, and that MPs had been told of the revision. Mr Major's evidence to the enquiry was "not compatible" with his past statements on the affair. Mr Kaufman said.

Mr Cook, who was first in the queue for the public hearing at 7 am, later said that Mr Major's defence was "both clear and discreditable". His explanation "is that he did not know what was going on in the departments for which he was responsible".

Michael Meacher, Labour's public service spokesman, said Mr Major had shown an "extraordinary lack of awareness and a remarkably convenient amnesia". His "whole evidence was a catalogue of non-referrals, non-enquiries, and non-involvement. He is the most hands-off Prime Minister of modern times. It just does not add up," he said.

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Brooke wary of media free-for-all

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE Government has given warning that it is not prepared to allow the further concentration of media ownership into the hands of a few publishing and broadcasting conglomerates unless strict consumer safeguards are introduced.

Peter Brooke, the Heritage Secretary, said the media industry should not allow itself to get "carried away" by the vision of a multi-media future with a handful of international audio-visual companies replacing regional and national media. "If one voice becomes too powerful, then democracy is damaged," he told a meeting of The Media Society in London. "Any healthy democracy must have a culture of dissent, a babble of voices."

In a veiled warning to newspaper groups that have been lobbying hard to be allowed to buy ITV companies, he said too much deregulation should not be expected too soon.

"Newsprint and videotape are powerful weapons, and can do great harm in the wrong hands or concentrated too heavily in too few hands. The Big Bang approach may not be the best way to evolve."

Mr Brooke was making his first public speech since his announcement two weeks ago of a wide-ranging review of cross-media ownership, which aims to encourage creation of British media conglomerates large enough to compete in the international market.

He said the regulations that allow Rupert Murdoch to control five national newspapers, including *The Times*, as well as the satellite broadcaster BSkyB were not a legal loophole, and had been designed to encourage investment in the satellite television industry.

Sleeping pill firm sues BBC

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPNDENT

ONE of the world's biggest drug companies, accused of lying about the side-effects of a sleeping pill to put profits before the health of patients, launched a High Court claim for libel damages against the BBC yesterday.

The American Upjohn company, whose best-selling sleeping pill Halcion was taken by millions around the world, is challenging a *Panorama* programme, "The Halcion Nightmare", which was broadcast in October 1991 within weeks of the drug's ban in Britain.

The Michigan-based company and its UK subsidiary are claiming damages against the BBC and Professor Ian Oswald, a former professor of psychiatry at Edinburgh University, who wrote a critical newspaper article.

The hearing of the claim, regarded as important for the freedom of the media to investigate allegations of malpractice by wealthy corporations, is expected to last four months with legal costs likely to exceed £3 million.

400,000 more will pay tax

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sury Financial Secretary, said that freezing the personal allowance at £3,445 in Norman Lamont's last Budget in March, and Mr Clarke's first in November, would raise £1.1 billion for the Exchequer and "about 400,000 more people will pay tax".

He was replying to Jeff Rooker, the Labour MP who was the co-architect in 1977 of the so called "Rooker-Wise" amendment which required that personal allowances should rise in line with inflation. Apart from the two most recent Budgets, they have been frozen only once before, in 1981.

Ministers have long spoken of their aim of taking as many people as possible out of tax. The lowest income tax rate of 20p has been extended in recent Budgets and the long-term aim remains to get the basic rate to that level.

Mr Rooker said last night: "It is bad enough to increase the overall tax burden, as the Government has done. It is outrageous to call on 400,000 extra low-paid people to share that burden."

Officials met IRA in 1990, says Sinn Fein

BY JILL SHERMAN AND NICHOLAS WATT

THE Government's first meeting with the Provisional IRA was in October 1990, two and a half years earlier than Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, had previously acknowledged, Sinn Fein said yesterday as it published its version of messages exchanged with Britain.

Sinn Fein claimed that London initiated the first meeting and sought to deny government assertions that it was a message from the IRA on February 22, 1993, that had opened the way to the Major-Reynolds initiative. No such message was sent, and the claim was "entirely bogus", Tom Hartley, Sinn Fein's national chairman, said.

Mr Hartley told a press conference called at Westminster by Tony Benn, Labour MP for Chesterfield, that Sinn Fein's record of events "places in perspective the ridiculous refusal of the British Government to clarify the Downing Street declaration and its repeated assertions that it will not talk to Sinn Fein".

Downing Street dismissed the move as a diversionary tactic. A spokesman insisted that the Government stood by the set of documents it released last year. "What we published was all the *authorised* messages consequent to the IRA's message on February 22, 1993."

☐ Sir David Nicholas, former chief executive of Independent Television News, called on Peter Brooke, the Heritage Secretary, yesterday to lift the Government's broadcasting restriction on Sinn Fein.

Bridgewater police cover-up denied

Merseyside police was involved in a cover-up of its investigation into the murder in 1978 of the newspaper boy Carl Bridgewater which prevented a new referral to the Court of Appeal, a senior forensic scientist said yesterday.

The allegations by Eric Shepherd, who was retained by the force during the investigation, were strenuously denied by the Home Office and by Merseyside police which said it had conducted and reported a full and frank enquiry. The Merseyside report formed the central part of new evidence reviewed by Kenneth Clarke, then Home Secretary, when he decided in February last year not to refer the case back to the appeal court for a second time. Dr Shepherd believes the enquiry team engaged in "selective reporting" in its submission to Mr Clarke. Carl, 13, was shot in the head with a sawn-off shotgun after apparently disturbing burglars at Yew Tree Farm, Stourbridge, West Midlands.

Witness threat warning

The judge at the trial of 11 men and a woman who deny serious sex offences against children warned that anyone trying to intimidate witnesses would face long jail sentences. Mr Justice Kay, who allowed his remarks to be reported even though the jury was not present, spoke after hearing that an adult witness had received an anonymous telephone death threat. Later Swansea Crown Court was shown video film of a boy aged 11 describing how he and other children were taken to a barn to be sexually abused by a paedophile gang, including his father. The trial continues.

Woman climber dies

A doctor, Katherine Herd, 28, of Cruden Bay, Grampian, died in hospital after eight hours in freezing conditions when an avalanche swept her and two climbing partners 400ft down the 3,500ft An Liathach in Wester Ross, Highland. A fourth companion, aged 17, trekked miles for help. A walker, Judith Leslie, 29, of Dundee, is seriously ill after 16 hours in the Loch Brandy area of Glen Clova. She was caught in a blizzard wearing only a T-shirt, fleecy jacket, tracksuit bottoms and light waterproofs. Rescuers found her and a male companion after their car was noticed at a hotel.

Mother's surgery agony

A mother told a court yesterday she awoke during a Caesarian operation. Carol Kewley, 33, of Blackpool, is claiming damages against the Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde Health Authority, which denies negligence. She alleges that she came to as her daughter was being born at Victoria Hospital, Blackpool. Mrs Kewley, who says she is still suffering psychiatric problems, told Manchester High Court: "It was like somebody was ironing my stomach with a red hot iron. It was as if something was pressing the life out of me ... I felt I was going to die." The case continues.

Father admits killing

The father of a trainee pharmacist whose battered body was found on moorland by ramblers pleaded not guilty to her murder yesterday but admitted manslaughter. Linda Fleming, 23, was found dead near Halifax a year ago. Derek Fleming, 51, a former joinery firm manager, of Elland, West Yorkshire, was flanked by two prison officers in the dock at Leeds Crown Court as the charge was read to him. He said he was not guilty of murdering his daughter between January 21 and February 1 but added: "I will plead guilty to manslaughter." The case was adjourned until today.

McAlpine art for sale

Lord McAlpine of West Green, former treasurer of the Conservative Party, is to sell a large collection of works of art from his gallery in Cork Street, Mayfair. The 1,500 objects, estimated at £200,000, range from mammoth's bones to medieval and renaissance art. They will be auctioned at Sotheby's on February 17.

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Peer admits assault



The Labour peer Baron Monkswell, left, assaulted a psychotherapist with a spanner, a court was told yesterday. Lord Monkswell, who is married with three children, admitted assaulting Robin Cooke in his clinic in Withington, Manchester, where he was treating the peer's girl friend. Lord Monkswell, 46, of Northern Moor, Manchester, was remanded on bail for sentencing reports.

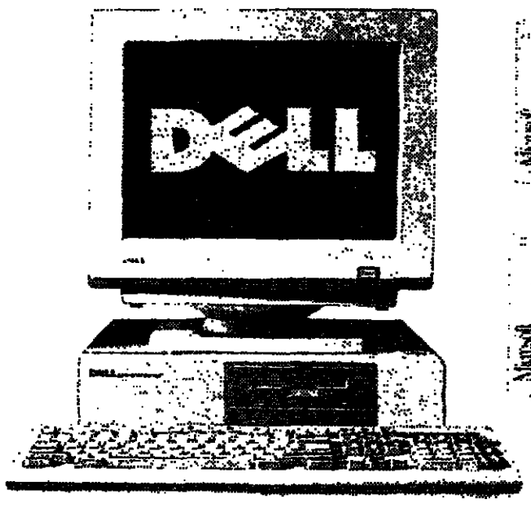
Northern wonder gutted

The Corn Exchange, one of Doncaster's finest civic buildings, was wrecked by fire yesterday. Forensic scientists are trying to establish the cause of the fire, which started in a corner cafe area and caused damage estimated at £1 million. The Exchange was opened in 1873 and at the time was considered a Northern wonder because of its elaborate roof.

Best little station

Lingwood station, Norfolk, was named yesterday as British Rail's best unstaffed station. The award was presented in London to Joy Long who, using her own money and with her husband and friends, has spent three years restoring the station. Euston was named station of the year, with other awards going to Doncaster, Ipswich, and Mexborough.

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Pensioner 'killed by mother' in revenge for attack on girl, 4

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A MOTHER exacted her own murderous retribution after charges were dropped against a pensioner accused of sexually molesting her four-year-old daughter, a court was told yesterday.

In a frenzied knife attack, she slashed at his genitals and sank the 5in blade into his chest up to the hilt. The man died within minutes from massive loss of blood. The woman told police when they arrested her: "He deserved it."

Yesterday at Leeds Crown Court, the woman from Wakefield, West Yorkshire, who cannot be identified to protect her child, denied murdering John Lockwood, 65, outside his home in the city last May.

Her older daughter denied attempting to pervert the course of justice by providing her with a false alibi and replacing her bloodstained clothes.

Paul Worsley QC, for the prosecution, told the court that the woman had decided "that if the state could not give her justice then she would be judge and jury and mete out her own revenge for what she believed had been done".

He said that the build up to the attack had been a "slow and calculated process" over five months, part of which had been detailed in her diary.

It began on January 6 last year when the woman wrote that her daughter claimed Mr Lockwood had given her a "sexy kiss, putting his tongue in her mouth". The next day she wrote that her daughter had said nothing when interviewed by police. "The bastard, he is dead," she wrote. "I am going to kill him."

Mr Worsley said the woman then began a campaign against Mr Lockwood. She would leave abusive messages on his answering machine and was also believed to be responsible for a poster pinned to the door of the local chip shop bearing Lockwood's photograph and saying he was an abuser of children.

> "Whether he was guilty or not she decided she was above the law. No one is entitled to do that"

She told the man's wife: "If I see him on the street I will kill him. I will do it slowly and painfully. I want him to suffer a million pains."

On April 1 her daughter gave a full statement to police. The woman wrote: "She told them everything that bastard did to her and more. Now justice can be done."

Mr Worsley said that during April the woman received treatment for alcohol problems. One diary entry recorded a row with a neighbour to which police were called. "My mind just snapped. I don't know how I can cope," she wrote.

On May 17 the Crown Prosecution Service wrote to Mr Lockwood to say there was insufficient evidence to proceed to trial. The woman was not informed and continued to believe he would appear before Wakefield magistrates. When he did not, she went to his house after consuming a quantity of vodka.

Mr Lockwood, who was in his garden, locked himself in his car after she began shouting. The woman produced a knife and smashed the car window. The fatal blow struck him below the right shoulder as he sat in the car.

As Mr Lockwood struggled from the car, the woman left the scene throwing the knife in a nearby garden and saying: "That will teach him to mess around with my kids."

Mr Worsley said: "It is a normal human reaction to punish someone who has harmed your child, but there was insufficient evidence that Mr Lockwood was guilty.

"Whether he was guilty or not, she decided she was above the law and she took the law into her own hands. No one is entitled to do that."

The trial continues.



Two of Erik Mortensen's creations for Scherrer: a sleeveless cocktail top and a taffeta evening dress

Fairy-tale world created on catwalk

IT MAY not have made an earth-shaking fashion statement, but Erik Mortensen's couture for Jean-Louis Scherrer would make many women's dreams of a fairy-tale world come true.

The Cinderella gowns in dreamy colours, the sparkling arabesque embroidery and trim suits in navy, gold and cream would fill the wardrobes of the Arab princesses and presidents' wives to whom the Scherrer house has always catered.

The white satin pyjamas with matching chiffon coat that started the show signalled a more light-handed tailoring than Mortensen showed when he took over from the house's discarded founder and designer, Jean-Louis Scherrer, a year ago.

Indian-inspired pyjama suits of deep turquoise, topaz, violet and midnight blue with gold-embroidered edging will make exotic evening wear for hostesses. Cocktail sheaths several inches above the knee in georgette or taffeta, with swirls of embroidery and hand-painted edging, had airy chiffon capes floating behind the models.

Mortensen seemed to feel that the salad-eating, middle-aged couture clients want to show off the results of relentless dieting and hours of exercise with their private trainers. "Women want to show their legs. It's not my fault, it's in the air," he said backstage after the show.

Vicar stole church statues

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

A VICAR stole from churches while under great strain after leading a campaign against the ordination of women.

The Rev Stephen Ashton, 38, formerly vicar of Braege with Germoe, Cornwall, who has received treatment for severe depression, stole four prints, a plaster figure, candlesticks, crosses and statues from several village churches, magistrates at Launceston were told.

He has now resigned from the Church of England and intends to join the Roman Catholic Church.

Ashton and Cameron Luke, 24, his organist, both admitted the theft of four prints from Morwenstow Church, north Cornwall. Ashton also admitted stealing a plaster figure from St Mary's Church in Par, Cornwall. Both asked magistrates to consider three similar offences.

Ashton was sentenced to 100 hours' community work and put on probation for two years. Luke, a music teacher, was ordered to do 60 hours' community work and placed on probation for 18 months.

David Lightfoot, Ashton's solicitor, said that through his views on the ordination of women the vicar had received "the most appalling threats".

Court sees sexy video of actress

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A HIGH Court jury was yesterday shown a sexy video tape of the actress Gillian Taylforth playing with a German sausage and a wine bottle.

The 35-minute amateur film was produced on the fifth day of an action in which Miss Taylforth, who appears in the BBC television series *EastEnders*, is suing *The Sun* over allegations that she performed oral sex on her fiancé in a car on a slip road off the A1 in June 1992. Mr Justice Drake told the jury that the video tape had only just come into the hands of the newspaper.

The film was shot during a party in April 1988 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Anna Scher Theatre in Islington, north London; and at its continuation in a wine bar. Miss Taylforth also posed on the steps of the theatre with the bottle. The video faded out as she began to unbutton her blouse at the wine bar.

The party began quietly with a speech by Miss Scher, the theatre's founder, and cutting a cake, but became rowdier as the tape wore on. As they left for the wine bar, Miss Taylforth posed with the bottle in her mouth, and said: "I'll sell my services along the road, and we'll get about £2.50." Recalled to the witness box by George Carman QC, for *The Sun*, Miss Taylforth said the wine bottle did not have a sexual connotation for her at the time. "I was very, very drunk. The party had been going on for three hours. We were in high spirits. It was a private video. If someone had said it was for public use I would not have done it."

Mr Carman asked if she thought it was indecent in any way for a woman in her position, with a regular part in national television, to stand in the street and behave as she had done. Miss Taylforth said she would not have done it if there had been other people around. It was just a joke between friends.

Mr Carman asked if that afternoon represented how she might behave when the worse for drink. "No, that's not the way I conduct myself in public."

Even by today's standards, however liberal, her behaviour had been "pretty disgusting", Mr Carman said.

"Had I been sober, it would not have happened," Miss Taylforth replied. "It's not very nice, no."

The trial continues.

Queen breaks wrist in fall

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suffer chronic arthritis for years if it fails to heal properly.

The injury could have been much worse, since the Queen, who never wears a hard hat, was protected only by a hooded mackintosh. Riding school proprietors criticised her for defying safety advice.

The Queen returned to the stables unconcerned, and the break was not diagnosed for 24 hours. On Saturday afternoon she joined a pheasant shoot with the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Edward and the Duke of Westminster.

At first it was thought she had merely suffered a bruise. After church on Sunday, however, the Queen was driven to Sandringham Hospital in King's Lynn, seven miles from the royal estate, where she was given an x-ray and put in plaster.

Buckingham Palace said yesterday that the Queen "is quite well. It is not a serious break, it is just inconvenient."

Kate Denham, a director of the hospital, said: "I think Her Majesty thought it was just a bruise. She was at the hospital for about an hour. She seemed cheerful."

The Queen is on her annual extended New Year break at Sandringham and is due to return to London early next month. She works on boxes of government documents each day, but there are no official engagements until February 1, when she will visit RAF Marham in Norfolk. She will also pay a semi-private visit to the Women's Institute at West Newton near by, where she and the Queen Mother are long-standing members.

There was little clue to the Queen's discomfort at her regular church appearance. As usual, she stopped to accept flowers from children and wellwishers, gathering bunches in one arm as she took them with the other.

The royal family, who are enthusiastic riders, have had a number of accidents. Each year there are 18 deaths from riding accidents in Britain, and some 29,000 injuries. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents urges all riders to wear headgear. "We are sorry to hear about the accident," Janice Cave, of Rospa, said: "It just goes to show that even the most experienced rider can have an accident. No matter how experienced the rider, they should always wear a helmet."

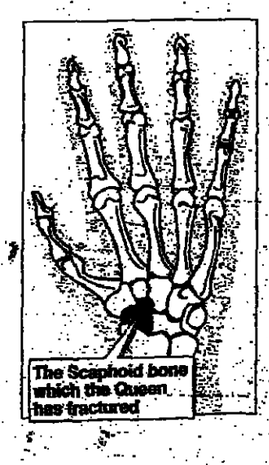
James Tye, director general of the British Safety Council, also criticised the Queen. "It is irresponsible and dangerous to wear only a scarf when riding. The Queen sets a bad example," he said.

The Queen's last reported fall from a horse was at Sandringham in 1945, when she bruised both legs. The Princess Royal, once one of Europe's leading horsewomen, has had a series of falls, and the Prince of Wales broke his arm in two places in the summer of 1990 playing polo and later had knee surgery.

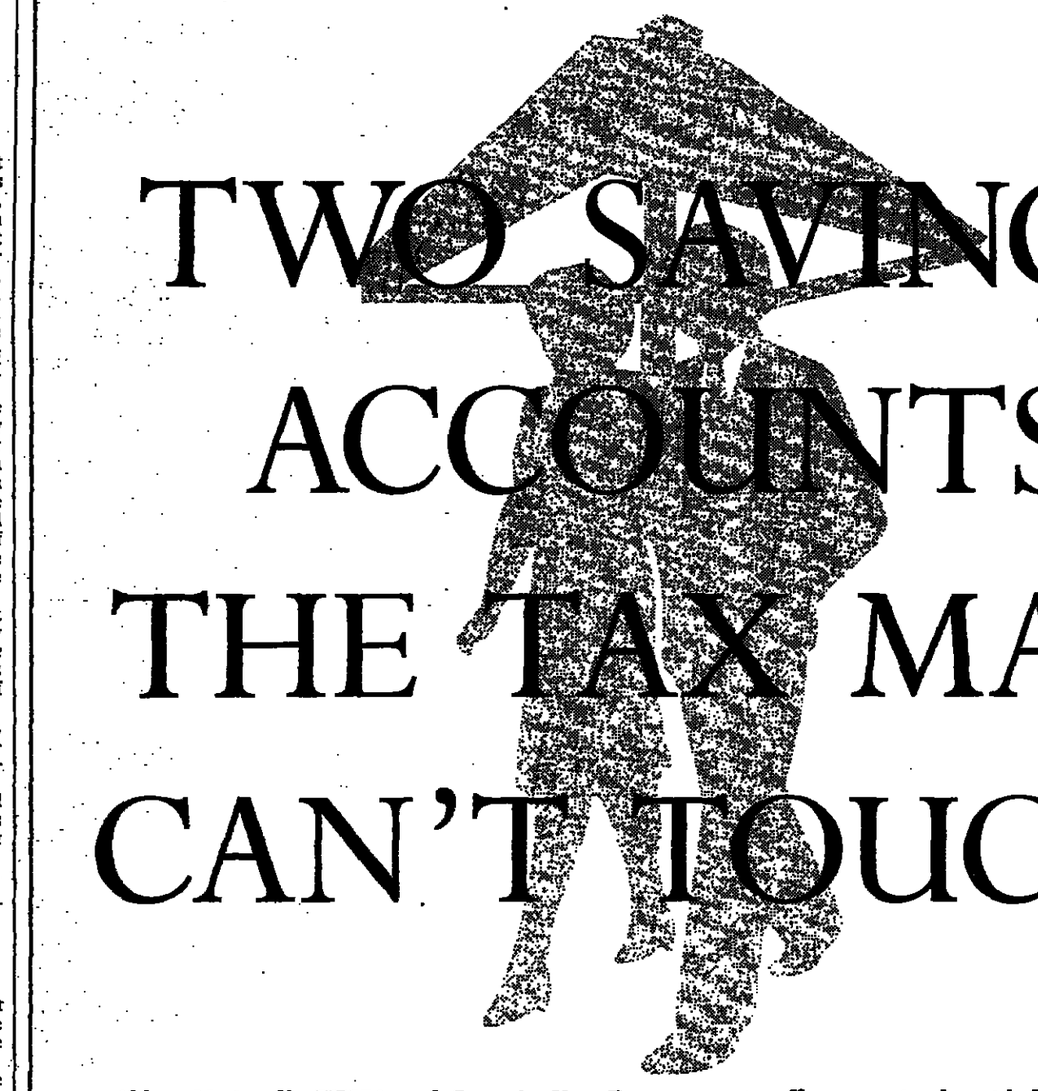
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The Queen out riding, and the bone she broke



The Scaphoid bone which the Queen has fractured



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Operation Begonia nets record haul

Customs team seizes £50m cocaine cargo

BY STEWART TENDLER AND RONALD FAUX

CUSTOMS and police investigators yesterday seized 250kg of cocaine worth £50 million which was hidden in a consignment of fresh flowers.

In a classic "sting" operation, undercover officers are understood to have posed as British buyers for the drug and travelled to Colombia. The Colombians also sent negotiators to meet them in Britain. According to one report, Greater Manchester police borrowed £2 million to show the Colombians that the undercover men were acting in good faith.

The cocaine arrived from Amsterdam last week and is the largest single importation of the drug by air. Its seizure at Manchester airport marked the end of a four-month customs operation codenamed Begonia.

The haul was found in six boxes among a cargo of flowers. Neither the exporter nor the importer of the flowers knew what they concealed.

Once the consignment landed, armed police and customs officers moved in to a warehouse and arrested two Colombians.

A national intelligence drive is currently monitoring possible Colombian drug infiltration. The national criminal intelligence service in London has established a database of suspicious sightings in Britain with the help of local police forces, immigration officials and customs officials.

Pat Cadogan, an assistant chief investigator, said yesterday: "We have broken an attempt by a major cocaine importer to set up a distribution network in the North West of England. We must have destroyed their credibility in the UK and a seizure of this kind must be a major setback for them."

The drugs came originally from traffickers based in Cali, which has replaced Medellin as the powerbase of the Colombian cartels. Customs investigators say the consignment was intended to be the first shipment on a regular new route.

Manchester is a key market for illegal drugs in Britain. Police and customs officers have been warning for some time that the Colombian gangs are testing western Europe in search of new markets because the United States has become saturated with cheap cocaine.

Last night, the two arrested men were being questioned by police and customs officers.

☐ West Country police are hunting for the source of a batch of tainted heroin sold on the streets of Bristol which killed two men and injured another four.

Paul Hicks, 30, died on 27 December and Reginald Phillips, 40, collapsed last Thursday. Both suffered agonising convulsions and died within minutes of injecting the drug. Last weekend, four more drug users were rushed to hospital.

JAMES MORGAN



Frankie Vaughan, the singer, and Wendy Richard, the actress, at the launch in London yesterday of the Variety Club's Gold Heart Day set for February 14 in aid of underprivileged and handicapped children. The brooches cost a minimum £1 donation. Last year's appeal raised over £3 million

Air disaster inquest told of cover-up in Nepal

BY TONY DAWE

THE official report into an air crash in the Himalayas which killed 167 people, 35 of them Britons, is being kept secret, an inquest in London was told yesterday.

Gordon Matthews, a government investigator who led the enquiry into the disaster in Nepal, said that the Nepalese government had forbidden the release of the official report he helped to prepare.

The inquest into the deaths of 15 Britons whose bodies were returned home was told, however, that the Pakistan International Airlines airbus was on course but more than 1,500ft too low when it crashed into a mountainside on approach to Kathmandu airport, killing all on board instantaneously.

After the hearing was adjourned yesterday, Helga Radvils, whose son Victor, 27, died in the crash, demanded the publication of the report.

The inquest was told that a series of blunders by the Nepalese authorities and the injuries suffered in the tragedy led to the first-ever use of genetic fingerprinting on British crash victims in an effort to identify them.

Ian Hill, a pathologist who has attended many disasters, said that DNA testing had identified four Britons. John Burton, the Hammersmith coroner, was told that some bodies of British victims were never identified and others were buried in Nepal.

As a result of the tests, Michael Hardwick, 33, a climbing instructor from the National Mountaineering Centre in Snowdonia; Deborah Leon, 32, from Newcastle upon Tyne; John Carswell, 22, who had just graduated from Edinburgh University, and Darius Bejon, 34, from Windlesham, Surrey, were identified in January last year, four months after the crash.

Boy's killer 'wrote sex and death fantasies'

BY LIN JENKINS

A MAN who abducted, sexually assaulted and strangled a seven-year-old boy wrote about sexual fantasies which ended in the deaths of children, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Colin Hatch, 21, killed Sean Williams in a manner almost exactly the same as one of the accounts in "those dreadful writings", John Bevan, for the prosecution, said.

Hatch admits the manslaughter of Sean on grounds of diminished responsibility but denies murdering him, at Hatch's home in Finchley, north London, on July 19 last year. Mr Bevan said that it would be for the jurors to decide about Hatch's mental responsibility.

Sean's parents, who were separated, ran The George pub in East Finchley. Sean was last seen cycling near by. "Within 20 minutes, 25 minutes at the outside, he was dead," Mr Bevan said.

"There was so little time before his body was found, no time for conversation, no time for a chat, no time for trying to seduce the boy into doing what Hatch wanted.

"Hatch must have grabbed the boy, taken him up in the lift to the tenth floor into his flat, into his bedroom, stripped him, sexually assaulted him, strangled him, put him into two bin-liners, taped them together and put him back into the lift."

Mr Bevan said that Hatch abandoned the body when a woman got into the lift. A postman later found it.

He said that among writings found in Hatch's flat was an account of sexual assault with a boy of 10 which ends in his strangulation. Another story told of sex with a young girl, her face covered in tears, who is choked and put into a bin-liner.

The trial continues.

Rover and Jaguar buck the markets

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

ROVER and Jaguar were the only big car manufacturers in Europe to increase sales last year as their main competitors saw registrations fall by more than 2 million, worth about £1.9 billion.

The good news came as Rover announced that it had been forced to recall 51,000 of its top-of-the-range 800 executive models, including 32,000 in Britain.

The company said it wanted to check seat belts that might not be secured correctly. However, only three cases have been found among the cars made between October 1991 and November 1993.

That was almost the only cloud for Rover after a year in which its production outstripped the once mighty Mercedes-Benz and came close to beating BMW. Rover achieved an increase in sales of almost 9 per cent against a market that shrank by over 15 per cent. Sales of Rovers in 17 Western European markets were 361,000 compared with 354,000 for Mercedes, which saw registrations fall back 13.5 per cent. BMW, the German company on which Rover is often said to be modelled, also suffered a drop in sales of 16.4 per cent to 370,000.

Jaguar sales were ahead 1.2 per cent to 11,000, a signal that the company could be over the worst of heavy financial losses and heading for a more optimistic future with a new sports car planned for launch later this year.

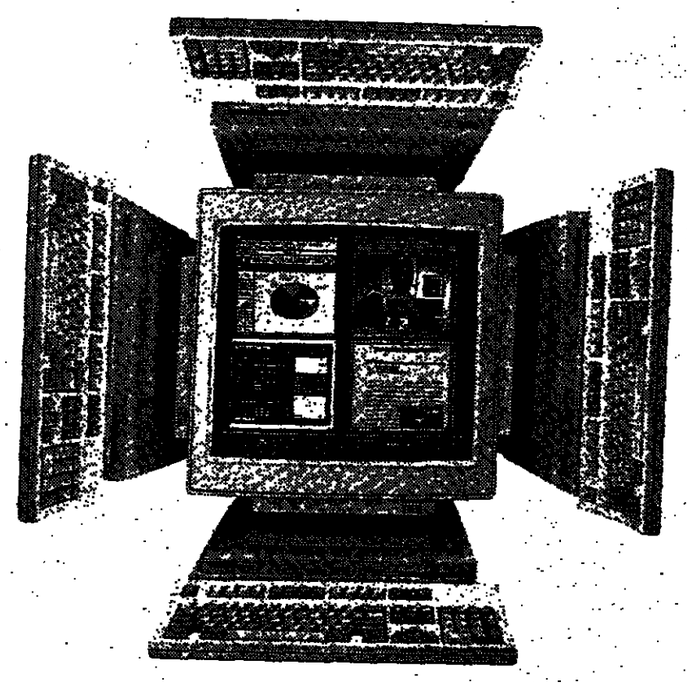
Although sales of new cars in the UK were up 11.6 per cent last year, they slumped in 15 of the 17 main industrialised markets. Sales in Germany, Europe's biggest car market, fell 18.8 per cent, in France by 18.3 per cent, in Italy 20.4 per cent and in Spain 24.1 per cent.

Total registrations fell 15.2 per cent to 11,449,000.

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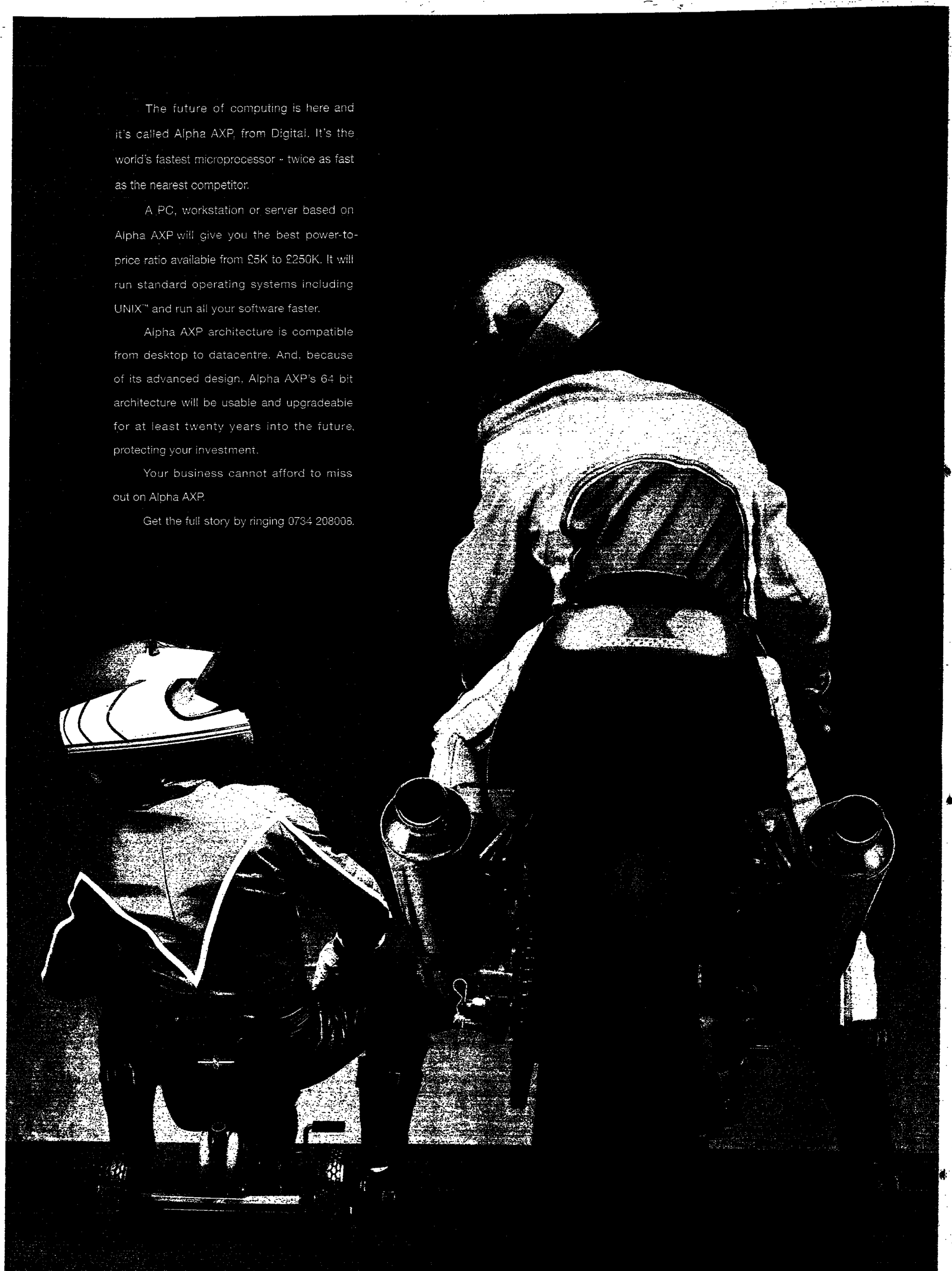
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Elementary lessons in logic for enquiry's bemused counsel

"It is not for me to reach the conclusion I've invited the enquiry to reach," John Major told Lord Justice Scott with a certain smug logic yesterday. When pressed on whether Britain had changed its policy on arms sales to Iraq, he clearly took the view that you don't buy a dog and then do the barking yourself.

When it came to explaining his own part in the confusing mess, Mr Major jack-knifed from Cartesian logic into Lewis Carroll logic, pointing out that a) he knew nothing about any change in export guidelines on arms sales to Baghdad: b) he *didn't know* he knew nothing, since he didn't know there was anything to know; and c) he is not sure there *was* anything to know. Got it?

When Mr Major became Foreign Secretary, in 1989, he was never formally briefed by officials on the guidelines which covered exports to Iraq and Iran.

"Neither at that stage nor later was I involved in the formulation of the guidelines, consideration of the guidelines, amending the guidelines or the interpretation of the guidelines," he said. So, even if they had been altered, the Prime Minister's hands were clean.

But wait — Mr Major was not sure that they had been changed, only that they had been interpreted with legitimate flexibility. Or, in his own crystal words: "Something which I was not sure had happened, suddenly turned out not to have happened." Still with us?

The inquisitors took all this calmly, perhaps cowed by being the first to question a serving Prime Minister at a judicial enquiry. The closest they came to betraying exasperation was when Mr Major said: "I think I just responded to that point."

Presiley Baxendale, the enquiry's QC, just stammered meekly: "But did you say yes or no, I'm not sure?"

Mr Major's relaxed mood vindicated those pundits who had predicted that he would have nothing to fear from Lord Justice Scott, since it was the Prime Minister himself who appointed the judge to head the enquiry. Then again, as logicians might point out, it was Mr Major who appointed Tim Yeo as an environment minister.

But where was the bullying about back-to-basics? Family values? About bed-sharing in French hotels? The Westminster political press corps that swelled the enquiry's audience had arrived early yesterday, convinced they were following the eye of a storm, and confident of seeing Mr Major lashed again.

So they were perplexed to find that, in the genteel rooms where the enquiry has been going about its business for months, all was calm. "Hey", you could see them thinking, "this Baxendale woman is not the wily wolf she's cracked up to be. *We* toss the PM tougher questions than she does. Let us at him!"

As the afternoon wore on, and the prospect of any embarrassment wore off, Mr Major gave full reign to the smirk that plays about his lips when he is being interviewed, a smirk that is meant convey "I know your mischievous intent, but I don't get caught that easily, and I have a witty reply already prepared."

Since Miss Baxendale is also an inveterate smiler, the cross-examination began to look less like an inquisition and more like a television set, with the hero and heroine grinning at each other, perhaps just about to break into a Dennis Potter-style duet of *We Can Work It Out* or *Let's Call The Whole Thing Off*.

But perhaps the plot was by someone more drilled in the ways of politics, maybe Michael Dobbs, author of *To Play The King*: by the time the Prime Minister and his private secretary bid the enquiry farewell, Mr Major looked so pleased with himself that he is probably planning another visit to a calming judicial enquiry the next time he needs to escape the hot glare of television camera lights.

You might very well think that Mr Major got off pretty well Scott-free. But, of course, the Prime Minister could not possibly comment.

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'I think it is true that answering parliamentary questions is an art form'

Relaxed Major tells Scott 'I was never involved'

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major yesterday absolved himself from any responsibility for the arms-to-Iraq affair by denying all knowledge of a covert decision to relax the Government's 1985 arms export guidelines.

At no stage during his time as Foreign Secretary, Chancellor of the Exchequer or Prime Minister was he involved in the "consideration, amendment or interpretation" of the arms export guidelines, Mr Major told Lord Justice Scott's enquiry.

Looking relaxed and confident during the protracted cross-examination, Mr Major said he was not convinced that there had been a change in the guidelines, even though it was clear that three junior ministers had contemplated such a change in December 1988.

The Prime Minister, who was accompanied by Alex Allen, his principal private secretary, told Lord Justice Scott that he had not been specifically briefed by officials about the operation of the guidelines until the collapse of the Matrix Churchill trial at the Old Bailey in November 1992.

There was "frenetic atmosphere" in Government circles at the time because of speculation about whether the guidelines had been relaxed, and whether that relaxation amounted to a change of policy which ministers could be accused of keeping secret from Parliament. "Different people had different views," Mr Major said.

Always economical with his words, Mr Major declined to pass judgment on the meeting in December 1988 between William Waldegrave, then a Foreign Office minister, Alan Clark, a trade minister, and Lord Trefgarne, a defence minister, over whether their decision to relax the guidelines was implemented.

He said: "I am very reluctant to make a judgment with hindsight about what might have been in the minds of ministers some years earlier." Pressed by Lord Justice Scott, he added: "I am saying that in the absence of having been part of these judgments I do not think it is for me to draw a conclusion.

"My opinion, post hoc, is of no more value than anyone else's opinion. I was not involved at the time, and I cannot retrospectively know what was in ministers' minds." That was a something for the enquiry to decide, he said. It was this meeting between the three ministers after the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq in August 1988 that provoked accusations of a covert decision to relax the guidelines.

Asked about a proposal to sell Hawk trainer aircraft to Iraq in 1989, Mr Major, who at that time was Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said he was against the deal on financial and moral grounds. There was a "fleeting reference" to the guidelines in a briefing from officials but it did not spell out what the guidelines were or whether they had been changed, he said.

The decision not to sell the aircraft was taken on his first day as Foreign Secretary during an "extremely brief" Cabinet meeting. Every minister was concerned that the aircraft could be used to drop chemical weapons on the Kurds, Mr Major said. "I did not think it was a very good deal financially, and I did not think it was a very good deal morally, either."

> **'I am very reluctant to judge with hindsight what was in the minds of ministers'**

The cross-examination yesterday had none of the conflict that characterised the evidence given by Baroness Thatcher in December. But Mr Major began to show his irritation when Presiley Baxendale QC, counsel to the enquiry, returned to the meeting of junior ministers in December 1988. "We have been dancing around this point for some time," he said. "I did not know then and I do not know now what is implied by the documentation to which you have drawn my attention."

He said the guidelines had always been intended to contain a little flexibility. "If you have guidelines on such a complex matter either there is a modicum of flexibility or they are utterly rigid and inflexible and you would need telephone book after telephone book of examples."

Responding to a series of questions about whether parliamentary answers should be honest and truthful, Mr Major said: "The British Civil Service is a pretty rigid instrument in terms of determining that answers are honest and truthful. In my experience, if a minister attempted to change an answer in a way that was misleading, the Civil Serive would object."

He added, however, that there was a tradition of providing answers that did not necessarily give a lot of background detail. Moreover, MPs sometimes sought to embarrass ministers.

"That is a perfectly proper part of parliamentary procedure. But answers still have to be honest and truthful. Of course they do." If a wrong answer were inadvertently given by a minister, "a correction would be given to *Hansard*".

Mr Major accepted that answering parliamentary questions was something of an art form. But he insisted that they were never intended to mislead or to avoid "political embarrassment". The necessity for telling the truth and the style in which they were answered were not mutually exclusive.

"I think it is true that answering parliamentary questions is an art form, but that should not be taken as meaning that the art form should obscure the truth. I don't believe that is the case," he said.

He denied having seen a series of Cabinet documents discussing defence sales to Iraq, which included references to the Customs investigation into allegations that Matrix Churchill had exported sophisticated machine tools to Iraq days before President Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990. He did not see them because he had not attended the meeting.

Mr Major, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer at the time, said: "The reality is that if every piece of paper that came into that office was seen by the minister concerned they would do nothing but read. There had to be a filtering process."

Describing the confusion in Government circles after the collapse of the Matrix Churchill trial, Mr Major said that Whitehall was gripped by a "frenetic atmosphere". During the weekend after the three Matrix Churchill defendants were acquitted, in the face of an avalanche of questions from MPs and the media, he had ordered a "massive trawl of files," in an attempt to establish what had happened to the guidelines following the meeting of the three junior ministers.

"One of the charges at the time was that in some way, because I had been Foreign Secretary, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Prime Minister, I must have known what was going on in the undergrowth. That was why I was asking for the documentation to be checked."

The trawl showed that at no stage had he been advised that the guidelines had been changed, or that they had been breached by ministers. The House had not been misled, he added.

However, research undertaken by Pauline Neville-Jones, a Cabinet Office official, suggested there was some evidence that the guidelines had been relaxed in practice, even though they had not been formally altered. The picture painted by Mr Major was one of confusion at the heart of the Government machine.

> **'If a minister changed an answer to mislead, the Civil Service would object'**

What Ms Neville-Jones had described as a "relaxation of interpretation" was characterised by another official as "a pretty dreadful distinction", which Government critics would insist was a cynical way of disguising the fact that the arms export guidelines had been altered, allowing more equipment to be exported.

"Conspiracy theorists may assume that 'flexibility of interpretation' means 'never mind about the guidelines — we can get round them any way we want'." But this was not the case, the prime minister said.

Asked by Lord Justice Scott whether he thought there had in fact been a change in the guidelines, Mr Major said that was a question for the enquiry to decide.

Mr Major told the enquiry that an estimated 40,000 intelligence reports flowed into the Foreign Office every year. Roughly two-thirds came from GCHQ, the Government's eavesdropping centre at Cheltenham, and the rest from the Secret Intelligence Service. All intelligence was filtered by officials, and only information that was "relevent, validated and reliable" was put before ministers, he said.

Robin Cook, Labour's trade and industry spokesman, who was first in the queue for a place in the public enquiry at 7am yesterday, said after hearing the Prime Minister's testimony: "John Major's defence is both clear and discreditable.

"His alibi is that he did not know what was going on in the departments for which he was responsible. The departments through which he passed were stuffed with documents which he saw but did not read to the end or which he read but did not act on.

"John Major did admit that the change to the guidelines on arms to Iraq was pointed out to him only two days after he had told John Smith in the Commons that they had not been changed. He should have put the record straight in Parliament the next week. If the Government had owned up then they would have spared themselves a year of embarrassment as the truth was unearthed by the enquiry."



John Major giving evidence before Lord Justice Scott, Presiley Baxendale and Christopher Muttukumaru at the arms enquiry yesterday



Lord Justice Scott arriving at the enquiry to hear the Prime Minister's evidence yesterday

Britons to appear in German guns trial

FROM ROGER BOYES IN ROTTWEIL, SOUTHERN GERMANY

EXECUTIVES from the Royal Ordnance armaments company in Enfield are likely to be summoned as witnesses in a sensitive German case involving the export of machineguns to the Middle East.

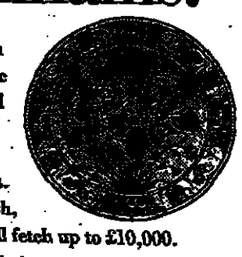
The witnesses are needed to bolster the defence of Walter Lamp, the former export chief of Heckler and Koch, the small-arms manufacturer, who is charged with authorising illegal sales to the United Arab Emirates. Defence lawyers say that the guns were British made — Royal Ordnance was licensed in the 1980s to produce Heckler and Koch weapons — and were sold to the Middle East by a British subsidiary of Heckler and Koch. The deal, clinched in 1986, was therefore subject to British law.

The case comes at a time of strong pressure to liberalise Germany's arms trade and reveals the inner workings of the secretive weapons business. The effect has been to heat up the atmosphere in the courtroom here.

The prosecutor wants to demonstrate that Heckler and Koch tried to dodge arms control laws using its British subsidiary. His strategy is to show that the German company supplied components to Royal Ordnance, which in turn commissioned Heckler and Koch's British subsidiary to ship the guns to the Emirates. According to the Italians, who impounded the shipment in 1987, the guns were probably destined for Iraq.

The case hinges on detail. Did the German headquarters dictate marketing strategy? It is complicated by the changing structure of the British arms industry. In 1987 Royal Ordnance was sold to British Aerospace, and in 1991 the company bought Heckler and Koch.

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Prime Minister's account brings innovation, not information

John Major's appearance yesterday before the Scott enquiry will be remembered more as a constitutional innovation than for its insights into the Iraqi arms affair.

Labour spokesmen will attempt to keep the issue in the public eye in the Commons by arguing that Mr Major either misled Parliament or that he was not in control. But Mr Major was only at the margins of the main decisions. Perhaps he should have known more, but a lot else was happening.

More significant than what he said was that he was there at all. Prime Ministers usually only give evidence to commissions or committees of enquiry in writing or in private — as Harold Macmillan did to Lord Denning's enquiry into the Profumo affair, and as Baroness Thatcher did to the Franks enquiry into the invasion of the Falklands. Their precise views never become known.

The rare exceptions have been when Prime Ministers have appeared before select committees set up by the House of Commons itself. Past Prime Ministers have given evidence to committees on privilege and procedure, usually in private, and during the 1930s to the enquiry into the government of India.

However, Lady Thatcher avoided giving evidence to the enquiry by the defence select committee in 1986 into the Westland affair, even though she was involved in the key decisions. Sir Robert, now Lord, Armstrong, her Cabinet Secretary, was her main defender in front of the committee. This was a controversial reversal of the usual doctrine of ministerial accountability by which civil servants' actions are normally explained by politicians, rather than vice versa.

But Mr Major has gone on the record. Not only did he have to spend several hours yesterday answering detailed questions from Lord Justice Scott and Presiley Baxendale, his counsel, but he had to devote much time beforehand to reading papers which he had probably long forgotten, if indeed he had ever more than skimmed them in the past.

It was a chore, rather than a challenge. The focus was mainly on what he knew when he was Foreign Secretary and Chancellor rather than since he became Prime Minister, apart from the answers to some letters and parliamentary questions.

British Prime Ministers are more exposed than most of their opposite numbers. Unlike other heads of government, they are also members of the legislature and have to appear before it.

President Clinton may regard himself as being at the mercy of the pack instincts of the White House press corps and the network news programmes, but he himself only goes before Congress give setpiece addresses. President Nixon would only have appeared if he had faced formal impeachment, rather than resigned in August 1974. President Reagan never gave public evidence to the various enquiries into the Iran-contra affair. Congressional committees have to be satisfied with questioning administration officials.

In France, President Mitterrand is even more aloof from detailed questioning, either from the legislature or the public.

Mr Major's appearance yesterday has established the principle that Prime Ministers cannot isolate themselves from enquiries — in public, if necessary, even if not always in front of television cameras. Prime Ministers are no longer elevated beings seldom descending to the arena. They are, as in the past, directly accountable to Parliament twice weekly, and they usually give news conferences or media interviews at least once a week.

Why should Lord Justice Scott not have the chance to be a more persistent, and less friendly, version of Sir David Frost?

PETER RIDDELL

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Major named over 'aid for arms' deal for Malaysia

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND JONATHAN PRYNN

JOHN Major was embroiled in another arms sales controversy last night when he was named by a leading civil servant as authorising an "unequivocally unsound" aid package to Malaysia.

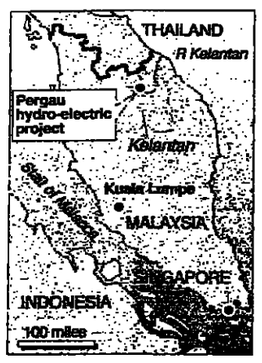
The Prime Minister overruled senior advisers in giving the go-ahead for over £200 million in overseas aid to be given to Malaysia. Sir George Younger, the defence minister at the time of the deal, suggested last weekend that the offer was linked to a £1.3 billion arms order by Malaysia, which included Hawk aircraft and two frigates.

Labour MPs immediately seized on the disclosure that the deal to help fund the controversial Malaysian dam project was passed by Mr Major. Tom Clarke, Labour's overseas aid spokesman, said it was "pretty despicable" that Mr Major had endorsed a project that benefited "a small number of people associated with the Tory Party" against all the advice of officials.

Clarke last night wrote to Mr Major, calling on him to explain to the Commons his reasons for approving the scheme against expert advice. "On top of the arms to Iraq scandal, this calls into question once again John Major's judgment," Mr Clarke said.

The suggestion that the overseas aid budget might have been used as a sweetener to attract arms orders is potentially explosive as it could be considered an illegal use of Britain's aid fund.

Previous criticism of the government over its handling of aid to Malaysia had named Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, as giving the green light to the project. Yesterday, Sir Tim Lankester, permanent secretary of the Overseas Development Administration, said that Mr Hurd took the final decision only after consulting the prime minister. Sir Tim repeatedly advised ministers that the hydro-electric dam project at Pergau, in northern Malaysia, "was unequivocally a bad one in economic terms". However, he told MPs yesterday that "commercial pressures were very great indeed", particularly from the Trade and Industry Department.



In February 1991, the final decision was taken to provide £234 million, the largest cash sum ever provided by the British government for a single aid-funded scheme. The deal has been harshly criticised in an independent report, which said that more than two years of technical advice was ignored by ministers.

Sir Tim told the Commons Public Accounts Committee yesterday that he had taken the unusual action of sending a "memorandum of dissent" as evidence that he did not approve of the project.

The overall estimated cost of the project, originally £316 million, eventually came out at £417 million. It has since been described as an ecological disaster that has cost the Malaysian public a further £100 million.

Sir Tim admitted that the project was "an abuse of the aid programme in terms that it is an uneconomic project" but would not comment on whether there was an arms link to the deal.

The overseas aid deal was first agreed between Baroness Thatcher and Dr Mahathir Mohamed, the Malaysian Prime Minister, aimed at ending Malaysia's decade-long "Buy British Last" policy.

Red Ted's comeback plans are scuppered

BY ANDREW PIERCE

'RED' Ted Knight, one-time leader of the extreme left Lambeth Council in south London, has been prevented by the Labour leadership from making a return to political office.

With Labour planning to exploit Tory embarrassment at the sinking of the flagship Westminster Council, the last thing the Opposition wants is a return from the ashes of the "darling of the loony left" era.

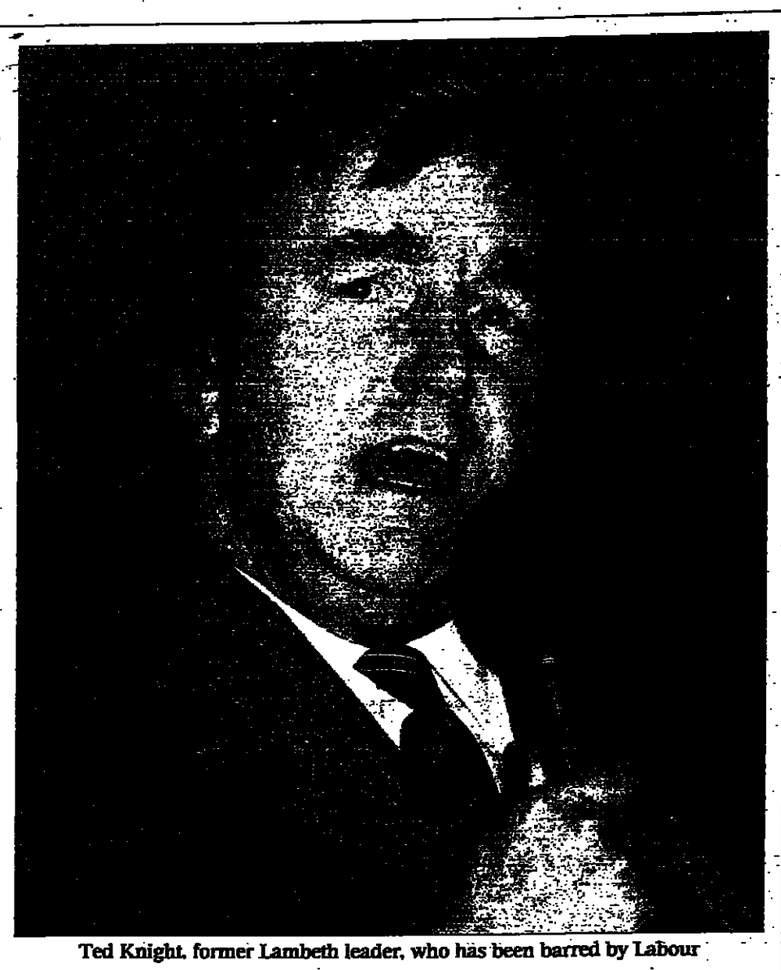
Mr Knight, who was disqualified from office for five years in 1986, a fate which may yet befall Dame Shirley Porter, who may have to pay back £21 million, is now eligible to return. However, the Labour leadership, by maintaining a ban on the Lambeth Local Government Committee, has effectively put paid to the his ambitions.

London Regional Labour Party vets candidates for Lambeth for this May's borough elections. Mr Knight failed its test. A report of the London party said: "The interviewing panel felt your answers did not show a commitment to a necessary long-term improvement and change in Lambeth. It's essential we have an acceptable public profile." The decision was upheld by the National Executive Committee disputes panel.

Mr Knight, who was surcharged £320,000 with 30 councillors for refusing to set a rate in Lambeth, now works in a college teaching English to foreign students. He said yesterday: "The £21 million is petty cash to Shirley Porter. It's just a few more tins of beans. At least we were never accused of trying to get votes by manipulating housing policy. We just tried to get more money for our borough.

"Of course I would like to stand in the election. But the Labour leadership has barred me. I will be campaigning for Labour candidates in May because I want to see the back of the Tories." Mr Knight's nine-year tenure was the heyday of the so-called People's Republic of Lambeth.

A shadow cabinet aide said: "To put it bluntly, he's the last thing we want, and Lambeth Labour Party is no longer the party of the 1980s."



Ted Knight, former Lambeth leader, who has been barred by Labour

Lords deal blow to Howard's police shake-up

BY RICHARD FORD AND STEWART TENDLER

TWO former Conservative home secretaries, Viscount Whitelaw and Lord Carr of Hadley, plan today to attack key parts of the Government's proposals to shake up the police service.

They will warn of the constitutional dangers presented by changes giving the Home Secretary much greater power over the police and local police authorities, including the appointment of chairmen.

Lord Whitelaw said yesterday that there was an "an obvious danger that the Chief Constable might not be the independent man that he has always been in the past". He said that the last thing a Home Secretary wanted was to be too close to the operations of policing. It would not be in the interests of any police authority chairman to be regarded as the Home Secretary's man.

The Government's alarm at the prospect of a confrontation with Lord Whitelaw, a man renowned for having a nose able to scent political trouble, was clear last night when Michael Howard attempted to defuse the controversy over proposals which his opponents claim threaten to politicise the police.

He announced the creation of six regional panels which will draw up shortlists of people from which five local people will be chosen to join eight local councillors and three magistrates on streamlined police authorities.

Mr Howard said: "Candidates will be chosen through an open procedure and shortlisting carried out at six regional centres, without the input of ministers. This underlines the independent nature of these appointments".

A further indication of ministerial concern over a potential rebellion in the Tory shires was Mr Howard's promise to talk to the association representing the Lord Lieutenants in local authority areas about their involvement in the shortlisting process.

Each panel would consist of a recruitment consultant and two other people independent of Government. One of the people could be a Lord Lieutenant, the Queen's representative in counties, if they are willing to become involved in the process.

The Duke of Buccleuch, chairman of the Lord Lieutenants' Association, said last night that he had been approached by the Government about the proposal for the first time one week ago.

"I think they believe that by having a Lord Lieutenant on the panel it will make the whole thing above suspicion," he said. "Many of us have strong links with the magistrates courts and are totally impartial."

Labour and local authority opponents of Mr Howard's proposals, which receive their second reading in the House of Lords today, said that his announcement did not remove the danger of politicising the police. The Home Secretary retains the right to appoint the people from the shortlist plus the chairman of 16-strong police authorities.

Tony Blair, the shadow Home Secretary, said: "Nothing can camouflage the fact that the appointments will be politically appointed from Whitehall by Government ministers or that the appointees will be at the beck and call of Government."

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Taylor leads attack on court reforms and witness rights

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government will run headlong into opposition today from the Lord Chief Justice, other senior judges and the magistracy over its latest measures to reform the criminal justice system.

In the latest clash between the judiciary and the executive over government policy, Lord Taylor of Gosforth will say that the Lord Chancellor's proposals to reorganise magistrates' courts undermine judicial independence. Lord Taylor will voice his concerns in the second reading debate of the Police and Magistrates' Courts Bill, which brings in fixed-term contracts and performance-related pay for justices' clerks.

In a second blow, Lord Taylor is also expected to deliver a strong attack over the Home Secretary's proposals to curb a suspect's right to remain silent at trial. Those measures are contained in the Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill, which enters its committee stage in the Commons today.

Lord Taylor, who took on the Government last year over its ill-fated Criminal Justice Act 1991, forcing a U-turn over sentencing measures, is concerned with other senior judges about proposals that judges should have a duty to compel an accused person to enter the witness box if he or she refuses to give evidence in court.

His second bout of criticism is expected to come tomorrow when he gives the annual Tom Sargant memorial lecture organised by Justice, the all-party law reform group concerned with miscarriages of justice.

Yesterday the Lord Chancellor's officials issued briefing papers on the magistrates' courts proposals in what seemed to be an attempt to seize the initiative before the second reading debate and remove "some misunderstandings". The papers emphasise that the reforms retain the magistrates' courts as a locally based service; that they are aimed at tackling the present defects through better management and clearer accountability; and that they preserve in statute the independence of legal advice given by justices' clerks.

However the Magistrates' Association this week launches a campaign to seek changes to the proposals, which they say give the Lord Chancellor "very great powers to direct magistrates' courts committees as to how magistrates' courts are administered. This causes us considerable concern."

On the second plank of Government measures, the Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill, the Home Office appears to have shot itself in the foot. The Home Office had already won the support of Lord Taylor for proposals to curb a suspect's right to silence by allowing a trial judge to permit comment on a defendant's refusal to answer police questioning. But the further proposal, contained in clause 28, which places a duty on a judge to compel a reluctant defendant into the witness box, is being opposed by judges. They say that such a power would be more suited to an inquisitorial than an adversarial trial, and that summoning a reluctant defendant into the witness box could turn into a meaningless charade, as the defendant would still insist on remaining silent.



Taylor: concern over judicial independence

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: employment, Prime Minister. Coal Industry Bill, second reading.
Lords (2.30): Police and Magistrates' Courts Bill, second reading. Debate on Sudan.

Rail link heads for legal clash

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE Government was warned yesterday that its plans to announce a "final route" for the proposed high-speed Channel tunnel rail link from Folkestone to London could involve it in legal battles.

While Government sources confirmed there was agreement to increase the amount of public money available for construction of the £3 billion link, some residents groups along the 70-mile route were expressing their anger.

The leader of one group based in Ashford, Kent, said: "Once it is built we will have to live with it for the rest of our lives. It is nonsense for the Government to say, ten years before is it built, that a particular route will be final."

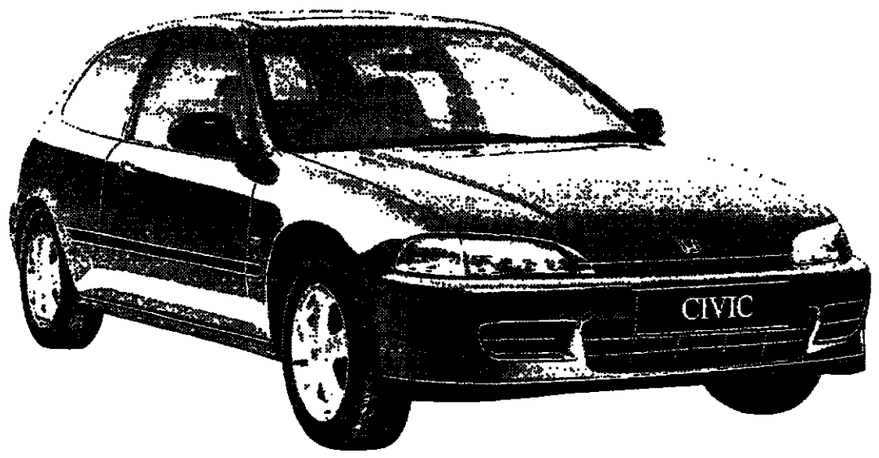
Threats of opposition from well-organised environmental groups along the route could considerably delay opening of the link.

Whitehall sources confirmed yesterday that the Government may be prepared to contribute up to £1.5 billion to the project to entice the public sector. Some ministers believe that without a firm commitment to the link, Britain could face ridicule from France and other European partners.

Although the Channel Tunnel Act prevented the Government from giving British Rail money to improve international links, the legal position is changed because of the proposed privatisation of the rail network.

When the route it published, it is expected there will be an agreement for an additional two miles of tunnelling beneath Islington, north London, to prevent the government facing hundreds of compensation claims.

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Fundholding GPs share £1m intended for hospital care

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

FOUR doctors' practices will share up to £1 million as a result of making big savings on their budgets, while the local health authorities are predicting a financial deficit of more than £1 million.

The practices, which control their own budgets under the GP fundholding scheme, have achieved savings of up to £200,000 each with three months of the financial year still to run. Most of the money was allocated for spending in local hospitals, which have lost out as a result.

The practices are among more than 1,000 nationwide that hold their own budgets under the GP fundholding scheme. Most have made savings. Health authorities have criticised the scheme for "feather-bedding" GP fundholders, who can benefit personally from the savings, while the authorities have had to halt treatment of patients to save money. One health authority manager said: "You can't plan services when a group of GPs have walked off with £1 million."

Under the fundholding scheme, general practices are allocated a budget for drugs, staff and hospital care for their patients and can keep any savings they make.

They are free to spend the savings in any way they choose provided it is for the benefit of patients. Some have built extensions to their surgeries, which they own, increasing their capital value.

The four practices, in Greenwich and Bexley, had underspent their budgets by between 13 and 19 per cent at December 31, equivalent to £786,000, according to a report for South East Thames Regional Health Authority. Three other practices in Kent and Lambeth had also underspent by more than 10 per cent. The Department of Health says that savings of 3 to 5 per cent are acceptable but above that range questions need to be asked.

Greenwich Health Authority, which pays for hospital care provided by non-fundholding GPs, is forecasting a £1 million overspend by the end of the financial year. Neighbouring Bexley has overspent by £631,000 so far. Some critics of the fundholding scheme have claimed that it is siphoning money from health authorities and non-fundholding GPs, increasing the financial pressure on them.

Peter Blessington, finance manager of Greenwich and Bexley Family Health Services Authority, said there were worries about the size of the budgets allocated to fundholders in the area, which are based on practices' past workload. The authority is moving to a system of capitation funding which will reduce the overall fundholding budget by £1.5 million, but the changeover will take five years.

"We are far and away the largest underspender in the region," Mr Blessington said. "We anticipate a final underspend of £1 million by the year-end. We will look at the way the savings were achieved. We want to be satisfied the practices took action to achieve them, such as by switching contracts between hospitals to take advantage of competition."

Mr Blessington said one practice had saved £350,000 by moving a contract to a different hospital. "It was no more inconvenient for patients and it gives you an idea of how savings can be built up."

Father's gift revives children's zoo

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

WORK began yesterday on rebuilding the children's section of London zoo, the first phase of a £21 million scheme to turn the 167-year-old institution into an international showpiece for the conservation of rare animals over the next ten years.

The £1 million needed for the new children's zoo was donated by Swraj Paul, founder of the Caparo Group, which make steel products, in memory of his daughter Ambika, who died aged 5 of leukaemia 25 years ago.

"I came to Britain from Calcutta in the hope of finding better treatment for my daughter," Dr Paul said. "In between visits to the hospital, I spent a lot of time with her at the zoo. I thought it would a nice memorial to her if I could help save it."

The new children's section, which will be called the Ambika Paul Children's Zoo, is due to open in mid-July.

London zoo hopes to raise the £21 million needed for redevelopment with higher gate receipts, commercial sponsorship and individual donations. So far, the zoo has about £2.5 million.

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Blinded PC will regain sight

BY A STAFF REPORTER

DOCTORS treating a policeman blinded by two men who threw glue in his eyes and then hurled him into a canal in Hungerford, Berkshire, early on Sunday morning say his sight will not be permanently damaged.

Steve Thorne, 32, has now regained partial sight in his left eye after the attack, which happened when he tried to question two young men. His right eye is still tightly sealed by the powerful glue.

PC Thorne has had treatment from a specialist at Southampton General Hospital. Chief Insp John Reeve said yesterday: "His eyes are still very sore and closed because of the swelling, but it appears that there is no permanent damage."

Geena Thorne, 31, told yesterday how her husband had worked to set up a rescue mission for 20 Bosnian refugees. She said he raised money and won permission to convert part of Hungerford's disused hospital into a new home for the war victims whom he then brought back to Britain.

"He was the brainchild behind the whole thing," said Mrs Thorne, of Andover, Hampshire. "There was a lot of red tape he had to go through to get them out, but he arranged the whole thing and did it. Steve thought he had to do something."

Mrs Thorne said this was the second time her husband had been injured while on duty. In December 1992, he had to take time off work and was fitted with a neck brace after joyriders rammed his patrol car.

Detectives are still hunting for the two men who attacked PC Thorne. It is thought they may have been sniffing glue on the canal towpath.



NORMAN PARKINSON



George, Paul, Ringo and John in their 1964 heyday, when the brotherhood of the Beatles had the musical world at their feet

Long and winding road leads to Beatles reunion

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE surviving Beatles have finally agreed to Let It Be and will Come Together to make music next month for the first time since the band broke up 24 years ago.

Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr will reunite in a studio to record new music for a video autobiography entitled *The Beatles Anthology*, according to this week's *New Yorker* magazine. The film series, lasting 12 hours and made up of archive footage and tapes, photographs and interviews, will be broadcast worldwide next year.

The series will include unreleased tapes of the band from the vast collection of material recorded at Abbey Road studios, northwest London. Up to six new CDs of the group's music will be released, including unfinished and alternate versions of Beatles hits. George Martin, the band's veteran producer at EMI Records, told Mark Hertsgaard of the *New Yorker* that the band did not want to release "everything they did, warts and all".

The three Beatles, with Yoko Ono, John Lennon's widow, must give their final approval before the series is aired. The break-up of the band in 1970, the murder of John Lennon in 1980 and lingering rifts and law suits have always made the possibility of another creative collaboration slim at best.

Mr Martin said the three Beatles will focus on recording new music rather than re-recording existing songs. The archives explored by Hertsgaard reveal the way the band collaborated, a mixture of bizarre clowning and musical experimentation. "It was a brotherhood," Mr Martin said. "They had an empathy and a kind of mind-reading business, and almost kinetic energy." When the Beatles get together again next month at an undisclosed location, the musical world will discover whether that energy and brotherhood have survived the passage of time.

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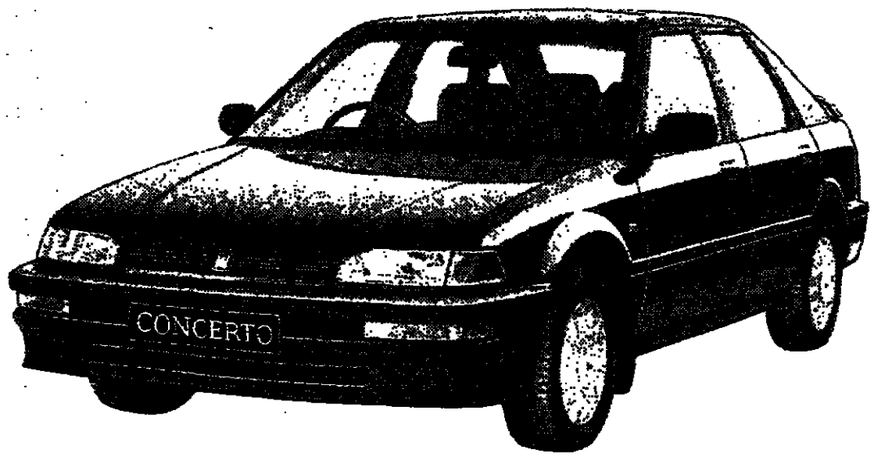


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Professional criminals smuggle animals into tower block for fight to the death

Badger-baiting ring gambles thousands on barbaric battle

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

BADGER-BAITING contests drawing thousands of pounds in bets are being staged by professional criminals in the heart of London, according to Scotland Yard.

Andy Fisher, co-ordinator of the Yard's network of wildlife protection officers, said police knew of one contest held in the sitting room of a high-rise flat in northeast London. Others have taken place in cellars.

An organised system exists to bring the animals into London, where gamblers bet on the result of a fight between the badgers and dogs such as pitbull terriers.

Mr Fisher, who is part of the Yard's civilian staff, said he believed badger baiting could become more popular than dog fighting, as organisers find recent dog legislation makes the rearing of fighting breeds more difficult. Figures from the RSPCA show that the number of prosecutions for badger baiting rose from 16 in 1991 to 49 in 1992.

Although London might seem an unlikely place to find badgers or badger baiting, Mr Fisher estimates that there are at least 5,000 badger sets in the area covered by the Metropolitan police, with a population of up to 40,000 animals.

The badgers have to be protected from raids by thieves, who can earn four-figure sums for delivering animals to baiting organisers. Mr. Fisher said a man out walking recently on the outskirts of London was threatened with a sawn-off shotgun by two men who were digging at a badger set. The high rewards encourage such strongarm tactics.

> **"The contests end with the badgers being killed. And so, sometimes, are the dogs"**

Police have reports of one contest just outside the Yard's police area that carried a cash bet of £30,000. The contests are particularly cruel because badgers are injured by breaking a limb or wounding them with a shotgun to make the contest with the dogs more equal. The badgers are killed afterwards and so, sometimes, are the dogs.

Wildlife crimes are not normally recorded by the police for Home Office records, but Mr Fisher and five wildlife liaison officers working in the London police area have now begun to log such crimes.

In the United States, wildlife crime, including the importation or sale of protected creatures and parts of endangered animals sold for medicine, is now considered the second biggest illegal market after drugs.

The crimes faced in London by the part-time wildlife liaison officers range from the sale of leather of protected crocodiles to collections of eggs. In one case in west London, a drug addict was caught taking kestrel chicks from the wild, intending to sell them to buy drugs. In another case in east London, a man was fined £325 for trapping wild birds.

Constable Malcolm Peak, the wildlife liaison officer covering northeast London, has recently investigated rhino horn supplies and rescued a fledgeling tawny owl that had fallen from a tree. He reckons he deals with 50 or more wildlife cases every year. Within a few months, he will be on the alert for bird trappers out to snare wild birds in the breeding season.

Then there are the deer poachers out to pluck an animal from the herds of near domesticated small deer found on the edges of north London, and illegal hare-coursing. PC Peak, who like the other officers is a wildlife enthusiast in his spare time, said: "While it is right that this work is not the highest priority when muggings, vehicle theft and burglaries affect individuals, nevertheless wildlife crime threatens the existence of species and can have an appreciable effect on the quality of life for generations to come."

JAMES MORGAN



PC Malcolm Peak, wildlife liaison officer for northeast London, with a rescued owl at Enfield police station



Sellafield takes first cargo of spent fuel

BY OUR TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

AN IMPORTANT step towards the recycling of spent nuclear fuel from Britain, Japan, Germany and other overseas customers was taken in the early hours of yesterday with the commissioning of the Thorp operation at Sellafield, Cumbria.

Employees of British Nuclear Fuels began filling a channel with 600,000 litres of demineralised water, linking spent fuel storage ponds with ones that feed the Thermal Oxide Reprocessing Plant.

The company said that the first consignment of spent fuel, a three-tonne container from the advanced gas cooled reactors of Heysham and Hinkley Point power stations, would be moved on a special underwater machine at the end of the week. Reprocessing would begin after checks on the moving equipment.

Greenpeace and Lancashire County Council last week secured the right to a judicial review of the Government's decision to approve Thorp's operation. It will take place early next month — probably before the first fuel rods are reprocessed.

John Guinness, chairman of British Nuclear Fuels, said yesterday: "Today is a watershed. It means at last that Thorp is finally opening. This is good news not only for our company and our workforce, who have worked tirelessly for this day over the last 16 years, but also for our customers who have supported the plant." He said he was confident that the company would secure a successful result in the judicial review.

Drain saves voles from watery grave

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

CANAL engineers are going to unusual lengths to prevent water voles, the real-life models for the indomitably cheerful Ratty of *The Wind in the Willows*, from being entombed in the banks where they dig their burrows.

British Waterways, which owns and runs 2,000 miles of canals and navigable rivers, plans to install hundreds of escape tunnels for voles along an 11-mile stretch of the Oxford Canal near Banbury as part of a £750,000 dredging and bank repair scheme.

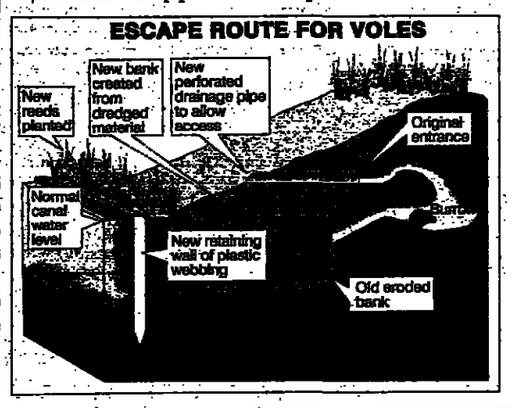
The off-side bank (the one opposite the tow path) has become badly eroded. Over the next few weeks, 47,000 cubic yards of silt will be dredged from the bed of the 200-year-old waterway and used to rebuild the bank behind a new protective wall of plastic webbing.

Jonathan Briggs, the conservation officer for British Waterways, said: "The tunnels, which are made of plastic pipes, will prevent the voles from being trapped in their burrows by the infilling of the bank. The pipes will run from the old burrow exits to the new edge of the canal."

The water vole (*Arvicola terrestris*) is endangered, unlike the brown rat with which it is often confused. A survey conducted by the Vincent Wildlife Trust during 1989-90 and published last April found that water voles still occupied only a third of 1,044 sites they were known to have inhabited in 1900.

Conservationists think the chief culprit is the American mink, which was introduced to farms in Britain in the 1920s, escaped into the wild during the 1930s and has since spread to many parts of the country. When in danger the vole dives, making a distinctive "plop", but this tactic is of no avail against the mink, which pursues its prey into the water.

Mink are not solely to blame. The vole's decline has been hastened by the destruction and relentless tidying of riverbanks, which have lost much of their attraction for wildlife since Kenneth Grahame's riverbank tales were first published in 1908.



Songbird trade puts species in danger

BY A STAFF REPORTER

UP TO 600 species of South-East Asian songbirds are under severe threat from trappers and poachers supplying local and international cage bird markets, including Britain.

In what is claimed to be the first report on the wild songbird trade in the region, investigators with Traffic International claim to have unearthed a trade that is far bigger than previously thought.

Surveys of over 800 shops and market stalls in Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Singapore, Indonesia, Burma and the Philippines, have discovered species that have never been seen in the bird trade.

Stephen Nash, of Traffic, an agency jointly funded by the World Wide Fund for Nature and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, said yesterday: "The list is really growing ... this is trade in species where very little is known about their position in the wild."

More than a hundred species identified are listed as trade-retricted under international conventions but most species discovered have no legal protection, including many imported into Britain.

Conservationists fear that given the scale of the trapping and trade, estimated in the report at between two and five million birds a year, even quite plentiful species face devastation. Several species are now extinct.

Mr Nash, who wrote the report, called yesterday for wide-ranging action to balance the economic and aesthetic interests of traders with conservation.

River flow runs into trouble

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

A WATER company in Kent is facing a challenge in the European courts over its right to pump water from underground wells which, critics claim, is causing a much loved chalk river to run dry.

For several years, people living near Dover have seen ponds, lakes and streches of the upper reaches of the river Dour turned into foul smelling muddy bogs during the summer. Fish have died and nuns at a local convent have had to clamber through lake beds to rescue cygnets too young to fly off to find other homes and food elsewhere.

Tony Sansum, co-leader of Dover District Council, said yesterday: "This is damaging tourism. It is a lovely river which is very much enjoyed by local people and it is important that we keep it running."

The decision to start legal proceedings follows discussions between the National Rivers Authority, Folkestone and Dover Water Services and local conservation groups. The authority says the company is acting legally and has reduced extraction from boreholes.

But Maurice Sayers, a solictor and chairman of the Alkham Valley Society, who is spearheading the legal challenge, said his group disputed the claims. "I cannot see us winning under English law but there have been a number of applications to the European courts. We want an order that would vary the company's licences so that the flow in the Dour is maintained," he said.

David Dunks, managing director of Folkestone and Dover Water Services, said it had pledged to cut leakages by 1 per cent annually and was backing the installation of water meters to reduce demand. Mr Dunks said that, even with those measures, "we are never going to get to a point where we do not need the Dour catchment area".

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Fide candidates

THE following game was the most brilliant played in the first round of the knock-out stage of the Fide Candidates tournament being held in The Netherlands. Black sacrifices his queen on move 24. The sacrifice cannot be accepted, as after 25 fxe3 Ng3+ 26 hxg3 Rh5 is checkmate.

Yudasin v Kramnik

Fide Candidates, Game 1. Wijk aan Zee, January 1994

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	e5
6	Ndb5	d6
7	Nd5	Nxd5
8	exd5	Ne7
9	a4	Nf5
10	c3	g6
11	Be2	Bg7
12	0-0	0-0
13	Qb3	Re8
14	Qb4	e4
15	Bf4	Be5
16	Bxe5	Rxe5
17	Rad1	Nh4
18	Kh1	Qg5
19	Rg1	Bg4
20	Bxg4	Qxg4
21	Rde1	Qf4
22	Qb6	Nf5
23	Qe7	e3
24	Rxe3	Qxe3
25	Nd6	Re7
26	Nxf5	gxf5
27	Qd6	Qe5
28	Qb4	Rae8
29	Qh4	f6
30	h3	Qxd5

White resigns

First results

The first round results were: Timman (Holland) v Lautier (France) draw; Van der Sterren (Holland) v Kamsky (US) 0-1; Khalifman (Russia) v Salov (Russia) 0-1; Anand (India) v Yusupov (Germany) draw; Adams (England) v Gelfand (Belorussia) draw; Kramnik (Russia) v Yudasin (Israel) 1-0.

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Girls join world of work for a day

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of schoolgirls aged 11 to 15 will join their parents in Britain's boardrooms, offices and shop floors this spring to learn about career opportunities for women.

A number of leading employers, including the BBC, Sainsbury's, The Body Shop and London Underground have already agreed to participate in Take Our Daughters To Work Day on April 28.

The scheme has been imported into Britain from America by the Ms Foundation for Women, an organisation dedicated to the advancement of women and girls. It is being co-ordinated by a private business consultancy, the Office for Public Management, backed by a task force that includes representatives from the Industrial Society and Opportunity 2000, the business-led initiative to improve the position of women at work.

John Birt, director-general of the BBC, said: "Inviting girls into the workplace to see what goes on before they make vital educational choices is bold and enormously imaginative and the BBC is not going to be left behind."

Diana Skeete, a spokeswoman for the Office for Public Management, said the scheme was designed to correct some of the gender imbalances that exist at school. "Boys receive more attention from their teachers, they tend to dominate classrooms and put themselves forward more than girls," she said.

Boys will not be left out of the picture on April 28. While the girls are out at work, schools are being encouraged to devote the day to discussing workplace stereotypes and attitudes towards women.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Wife jailed for hiring attack gang

A woman was jailed for two years yesterday for paying three men £30 to beat up her husband, whom she suspected of being unfaithful. Jacqueline Morgan, 24, waited until he was in the bath before admitting the men to the couple's house at Newport, Gwent.

Andrew Morgan, 26, was attacked with a baseball bat and crowbar. He needed five metal plates in his face and eight months after the attack still suffers double vision.

His wife was found guilty at Cardiff Crown Court of causing grievous bodily harm with intent. Celwyn Breen, 24, of Newport, a friend, was jailed for seven years, and two other men were each given four years, for inflicting grievous bodily harm.

Coach crash

A 17-year-old driver is seriously ill after his truck was in a head-on collision with a school bus at Clifton Hampden, Oxfordshire. Four girls needed hospital treatment and 15 children escaped unhurt.

Judge fined

A deputy circuit judge, Robert Charles Smith, of Grosmont, North Yorkshire, was fined £900 and banned from driving for a year by Whitby magistrates for drink-driving.

Sleepyhead

A boy aged nine caused a police hunt when he fell asleep for 18 hours in the spare bedroom of his home at Weston-super-Mare, Avon, after going roller-skating.

Hang-glide fall

Dr Ian Fairbrother, 32, of Harrogate, died after falling 400ft when his hang-glider buckled over Wether Fell near Hawes, North Yorkshire.

Poetry winner

An architect, Sam Gardiner, 57, of Grimsby, won the £3,000 National Poetry Competition with a poem called *Protestant Windows*.

Sawing death

Bryan Oakhill, 41, died after falling onto a circular saw while cutting logs outside his cottage at Coaley, Gloucestershire.

Neighbours uneasy as China flexes economic muscle

In the week that Chris Patten, Governor of Hong Kong, visits London for consultations, ***James Pringle*** *looks at the growing influence of Peking in South-East Asia*

When Peking failed last September in its bid to stage the 2000 Olympic Games, a Singapore taxi driver turned to his passenger and said: "I feel so disappointed, and I saw other people weeping."

Some politicians in South-East Asia, however, were pleased that the last Games of the millennium were awarded to Sydney. One of them, in Kuala Lumpur, observed that a Peking win might have spurred a fresh flow of investment into China by the 55 million overseas Chinese in Taiwan, Hong Kong and South-East Asia generally, and an outburst of chauvinism among them.

Overseas Chinese, who rushed to China with cash when the West and Japan lost interest after the bloody suppression of the pro-democracy protests in Tiananmen Square in 1989, already account for about 80 per cent of direct investment in China's growing free market economy.

Members of the diaspora — themselves refugees from communism — believe the Western press "probably exaggerated" Tiananmen. "When there's an issue pitting China against the rest of the world, overseas Chinese will take China's side," a Bangkok-based diplomat said. "On such issues, blood will out. It's incredible, the pull."

China's relations with countries in South-East Asia, once tributary states, have always been complicated, often over the issue of overseas Chinese. Lately, however, they have been good as China concentrates on developing its domestic economy.

Yet there were anti-Chinese riots in Malaysia in the 1960s and mass killings of half a million alleged pro-Communists in Indonesia during a 1965 coup attempt, possibly backed by China. The total is believed to have included many thousands of Chinese.

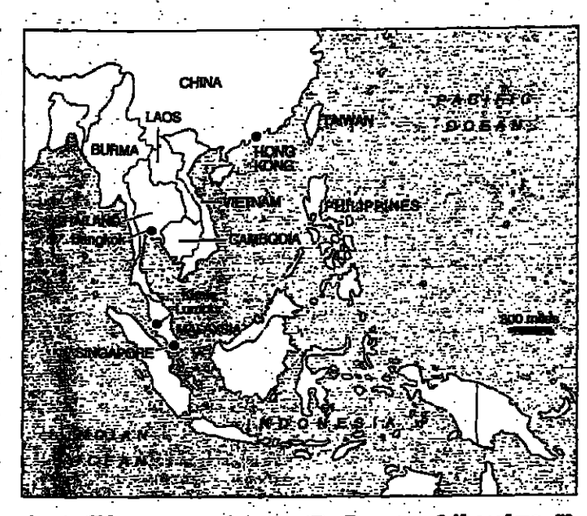
Politicians and diplomats in South-East Asia worry that the possible future emergence of a more assertive China willing to flex its military muscle could have negative ramifications in the region and can envision more anti-Chinese flare-ups. This is why, they say, Lee Kuan Yew, the former Prime Minister of Singapore, recently warned overseas Chinese: "China's success can generate fears that it will dominate the region, especially if it is seen to be a competitor for investments rather than a partner in regional prosperity."

Speaking in Hong Kong to overseas Chinese entrepreneurs, he added: "We (overseas Chinese) must be honest and recognise that, at the end of the day, our fundamental loyalties are to our home country, not to China."

More than from divided loyalties, however, many problems stem from the energetic Chinese population's control over much of the business life of the countries where they live. In the Philippines, although they make up only 1 per cent of the population, their companies generate 35 per cent of sales among domestically owned firms. In Indonesia, with just over 2 per cent of the population, they own 70 per cent of private domestic capital and control 30 per cent of the economy. The story is similar in many other countries.

During the late 1960s, the Cultural Revolution spilt over into Chinese communities from Rangoon to Phnom Penh, fuelling local anger. At the time, Peking supported armed Communist insurgencies in South-East Asia. Even after mutual government-to-government recognition, Peking fostered resentment by maintaining party-to-party relations with local Communist groups.

With China's accelerated economic growth, however, the situation has changed, with overseas Chinese funds pouring into China. Even in Malaysia, Chinese businessmen are encouraged, at least on the surface, to invest in China. "This is officially portrayed as good for trade, foreign exchange earnings and the building of markets for Malaysian goods," one expert in Singapore said. "But there is an undercurrent of jealousy that somehow disloyalty is involved in transferring to China money and assets that belong at home."



In Indonesia, one newspaper gave a warning that it was not impossible that the flight of capital owned by the Chinese minority would "increase to a level which undermines the development of [Indonesia's] internal economy".

Dr Boonsong Srifuengfung, 70, president of the 10,000-strong Thai-Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Bangkok, a third-generation Sino-Thai, says that, although he has most of his assets in Thailand. "Thailand is my mother country but I also have Chinese blood," he said. On speaking trips to Indonesia, he tells Chinese businessmen who invest in China to make sure they put money into their home economies at the same time.

While in the post-Cold War world the overseas Chinese problem is quiescent, if China becomes a major military power to match its growing economic superpower status and begins projecting its armed strength in the region, then, in the words of one expert: "You have a potentially inflammable mixture.

☐ **Hong Kong:** China and the United States yesterday signed a last-minute agreement in Peking that will avert a trade war in which Washington would have cut Chinese quotas by 35 per cent and China would have retaliated by barring American manufacturers at a cost of thousands of jobs (Jonathan Mirsky writes).

The deal, ending a marathon negotiating session over three days and nights between Jennifer Hillman, the US special ambassador for international trade, and Shi Guangsheng, a Chinese Deputy Foreign Trade Minister, binds the Chinese to control, if not stop, the $2 billion (£1.35 billion) illegal shipment of cotton to America.

Zulu might unleashed as king sees de Klerk

■ *Thousands of Zulus invaded Pretoria to back their king's political demands. A strike and violent intimidation were added to the traditional armoury of assegai and knobkerry*

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN PRETORIA

TENS of thousands of Zulus, many dressed in traditional leopard-skins and almost all carrying weapons, axes, spears, assegais and knobkerries, massed on the lawns below the Union Buildings here yesterday, while their king, Goodwill Zwelethini, met President de Klerk inside.

A five-minute volley of shots in the air came from the crowd as the talks progressed. After the firing, two people were reported hurt and another bitten by a dog.

The king told President de Klerk: "Neither I nor the Amakhosi (chiefs) who serve the people under me could possibly advise the Zulu people to participate in the proposed April 27 election while the present constitution remains what it is." The king, who was accompanied by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Chief Minister of KwaZulu, also said that the expunging of the name KwaZulu and the question of a single ballot paper to represent the votes on both regional and national elections would prohibit their participation.

The king, who described himself as "the living embodiment of my father's people", defended the Zulu right of self-determination. He said: "The unthinkable has actually happened — an Afrikaner government, led by yourself, has agreed to the wiping of KwaZulu off the face of the Earth.

"It is my fervent hope," he said, "that the Zulu matters of state which I have raised with you today, sir, can be dealt with in negotiations, and that we will not finally face a competition between the ballot box and the ability of the Zulu people to resist."

The meeting between king and president lasted for more than two hours. The king was accompanied by members of his family and of the Swazi royal family, including Prince Dhlamini, the Swazi Prime Minister. President de Klerk was accompanied by R.F. "Pik" Botha, the Foreign Minister, Roelf Meyer, the Constitutional Development Minister, Kobie Coetsee, the Justice Minister, and Andre Fourie, the Minister in charge of the Black Homelands.



King Goodwill: plea for negotiations on ballot

The talks were said to have included plans to withdraw the controversial riot police squadrons of the Internal Stability Department from the East Rand and replace them with soldiers of the South African Defence Force.

To mark the importance of the talks, Zulu-led trade unions called for a one-day general strike in the towns of the Witwatersrand, and Zulu crowds enforced the stayaway by intimidation and terror. At least 11 people were killed during the day, but it was not clear that all of them could be linked to enforcement of the strike. A number of deaths have been happening each day in the strife-racked black townships of the East Rand.

Buses and minibus taxis were prevented from running in Soweto to the west, and on the East Rand. At least one bus was set ablaze and the road was closed outside one of the main hostels where migrant workers from Natal are housed. Other buses and taxis were commandeered by the king's supporters, anxious to get to Pretoria.

Township train stations were crowded with Zulus making their way to Pretoria, and anyone trying to go to work was frightened off. There were reports of commuters being thrown out of moving trains. A number of police searches were made of the trains, but only one firearm was discovered, and that was licensed. In mid-morning the trouble spread to Alexandra, the black township set among the white northern suburbs of Johannesburg, a virtual haven of peace for the past 12 months.

A march of Zulus from the main KwaMadala hostel either came under fire or opened up unprovoked upon residents, depending on who tells the story. What is incontrovertible is that half a dozen squatter shacks were set on fire by hostel dwellers.

Crowds gathered on both sides of the divide near 3rd Street, in the area that used to be called "Beirut" because of the destruction wrought by internecine fighting between supporters of the mainly Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party and the African National Congress. In the Alexandra clinic six people were treated for injuries from the skirmishing. Three were critically hurt, including a woman whose jaw was smashed with a knobkerry and who suffered multiple gunshot wounds. A hostel dweller was also brought to the clinic, having been rescued from a gang of youthful supporters of the ANC by residents who simply wanted peace to return. Two bodies were taken to Alexandra police station.

Also meeting President de Klerk yesterday was Nelson Mandela, the ANC president. He called at the Union Buildings early in the morning to resume discussions started last week over a comprehensive plan to bring peace to the townships. Neither leader would disclose the plan, but both undertook to meet again.



Zulu members of the Inkatha Freedom Party brandishing tribal weapons as they left a Soweto hostel yesterday to make their way to Pretoria in support of King Goodwill

White supremacist faces third trial for murder

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

FOR the third time in as many decades, Byron De La Beckwith, a white supremacist, goes on trial today as America attempts to lay to rest one of the most unquiet ghosts in its troubled racial history.

Medgar Evers, an outspoken black civil rights campaigner, was shot dead in the driveway of his home in Jackson, Mississippi, on June 12, 1963. The fingerprints of Mr Beckwith, a former fertiliser salesman and an avowed racist, were found on the hunting rifle used in the the murder.

For many Mississippi blacks, the murder was one of the more glaring acts of violence of the segregation era, but Mr Beckwith was never convicted. Two all-white juries failed to reach verdicts in 1964 and murder charges were dropped in 1969.

Mr Beckwith, 73, his profoundly racist views undimmed by the passing years and laid out in an autobiography, *Glory in Conflict*, insists that the rifle was stolen and claims he was in his home in Greenwood when the shooting took place. Yet Mr Beckwith was subsequently heard boasting of the murder at a Ku Klux Klan meeting, according to Delmar Dennis, a former Klansman who gave evidence to the FBI.

After a newspaper report in 1989 indicated that the juries at Mr Beckwith's second trial had been screened by the state's sovereignty commission, the now disbanded body formed to monitor segregation, prosecutors won a third indictment and last year the Mississippi Supreme Court ordered Mr Beckwith to stand trial again.

According to Myrlie Evers, Medgar Evers' widow, the state governor was spotted in court at the first trial patting Mr Beckwith on the back and warmly shaking his hand.

The third trial, in the same courtroom as the first two, has reawakened some of the uglier memories and emotions of Mississippi's past. Leaflets have been distributed in the areas from which potential jurors may be drawn describing Mr Beckwith as a "hero in war, a hero in peace", and calling on citizens to deliberate based on their consciences rather than "only the facts" — a neat summation of white supremacist philosophy.

The National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, America's largest civil rights body, has asked the Justice Department to monitor the trial. As an extra precaution against a tainted jury pool, jurors will be selected in northern Mississippi, starting today, and then moved to Jackson for the trial.

Mississippi is again divided, chiefly along racial lines, over whether Mr Beckwith should be tried once more. For most blacks the trial is an overdue opportunity for visible justice. Many whites, however, would rather close the book on the Evers case.

☐ **Klan challenged:** Hundreds of demonstrators hurled rocks, batteries and obscenities at about 65 Klansmen who rallied in Springfield, Illinois, to protest against the public holiday yesterday in honour of the Rev Martin Luther King, the civil rights leader assassinated in 1968. In Denver, Colorado, more than 100 police protected a similar rally of 19 rightwingers. *(AP)*

Israel promises ballot on Golan

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S left-wing coalition government yesterday faced a barrage of protest from opposition parties who accused Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, of preparing to relinquish all of the Golan Heights in exchange for peace with Syria.

In the first battle of what could become the dominant political debate, the Labour-led government was thrown on the defensive by irate hardliners, fearful that Syria, with America's support, will force a withdrawal from the strategic Heights.

During a noisy debate in the Knesset on the Golan, Mordechai Gur, the Deputy Defence Minister, promised that the government would hold a referendum before giving up any territory. The announcement came after two meetings in Jerusalem between senior American officials and Mr Rabin, where the Israeli leader and members of his Cabinet and military chiefs were briefed on the details of the five-hour discussions on Sunday in Geneva between President Clinton and President Assad of Syria.

Benjamin Netanyahu, the Leader of the main opposition Likud Party, called on hawkish members of Mr Rabin's Labour party to "listen to their consciences and vote with the opposition" rather than relinquish the Heights, where 13,000 Israeli settlers live.

After his second meeting with Mr Rabin, Dennis Ross, the State Department's co-ordinator on Middle East affairs, predicted some "movement" could be expected when Israeli and Syrian officials resume negotiations next week in Washington after a four-month lull.

☐ **Ban lifted:** An Israeli insurance firm is to lift a short-lived ban on issuing policies to Israeli Arabs. Assessing the damage after media accusations of discrimination, the Zion company said that the ban which had been spelt out last week in a letter to one of its northern agents was a mistake. *(Reuter)*

Bosnia raid rift puts UN general's job in jeopardy

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AS THE Bosnian peace talks resume in Geneva today, there are reports of growing friction between the United Nations commander in the former Yugoslavia and Boutros Boutros Ghali, the organisation's Secretary-General.

General Jean Cot, the French commander of the UN Protection Force based in Zagreb, could be sacked, according to a French government official in Paris, following a disagreement over air strikes in Bosnia. The general criticised Dr Boutros Ghali for refusing to delegate to him the power to order air strikes in defence of UN peacekeepers under attack in Bosnia.

Lieutenant-General Francis Briquemont, the Belgian officer who took command of UN troops in Bosnia last July, who is leaving his post prematurely because of exhaustion, is also said to have disagreed with UN policy in Bosnia. He is being replaced by Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, a former British SAS commander, this week.

Dr Boutros Ghali received a report yesterday from Yasushi Akashi, his envoy to the former Yugoslavia, on the feasibility of launching air strikes against two new targets highlighted by Nato leaders at the Brussels summit last week.



Cot: criticised Boutros Ghali

The alliance said that it would be ready to launch tactical air strikes unless the Bosnian Serbs allowed 300 Canadian UN troops in Srebrenica, eastern Bosnia, to be replaced by a Dutch unit, and agreed to the reopening of Tuzla airport in the north.

Foreign ministers from eight Muslim states, representing the 51-member Organisation of the Islamic Conference, also renewed calls yesterday for a UN arms embargo to be lifted and urged air strikes against Bosnian Serb forces.

President Izetbegovic of Bosnia, Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb chief, and Mile Akmadzic, the new Bosnian Croat negotiator, are due to resume negotiations today on Bosnia's ethnic carve-up. They will be joined by President Milosevic of Serbia and President Tudjman of Croatia.

Mr Karadzic yesterday threatened "all-out" war against the Muslim-led Bosnian government in Sarajevo if the peace talks ended without agreement. Meanwhile, Serbs fired shells onto the Muslim stronghold town of Zenica in central Bosnia, killing two people, including a boy, 10.

☐ **War crimes file:** Britain has handed over to the UN investigating commission 100 pages of evidence of war crimes, including rape, committed in Yugoslavia. The evidence, from interviews with 4,000 people, was gathered from refugees allowed asylum in Britain.

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Yeltsin angers radicals as he tempers reforms

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin last night accepted the resignation of Yegor Gaidar, his young radical Economics Minister, but pledged that reforms would continue despite the loss of a figure considered by the West as a guarantor of free-market policies in a shifting and often chaotic government.

"Accepting this resignation, I would particularly like to stress the unchangeability of the President's course towards deep and democratic reform of Russian society, its economic and political institutions," Mr Yeltsin said.

The acceptance by the Russian leader of Mr Gaidar's departure, without even a symbolic attempt to woo him to stay on, indicates that he is placing his faith in Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, and the cautious, state-centred restructuring policies for which he stands, rather than the team of younger radicals who determined the thrust of the reform programme up to now.

Mr Chernomyrdin, who is due to announce a Cabinet reshuffle today, spent yesterday in talks with Mr Yeltsin about the disarray in the government, the result of differing interpretations of how best to deal with the success of the far right and the left in last month's parliamentary elections.

Mr Gaidar, in his resignation letter, implicitly blamed Mr Chernomyrdin for pushing through Cabinet decisions which violated the government's declared commitment to inflation control through tight fiscal policies. He, together with Boris Fyodorov, the Finance Minister, and Ella Pamfilova, the Social Services Minister, claimed that the levers of real power had been removed from their hands.

Grigori Yavlinsky, the liberal economist who is a possible candidate for Mr Gaidar's post, urged Mr Fyodorov not to leave, saying that it would be "very dangerous" for reform if the Finance Minister were to leave office. The departure of Mr Fyodorov as well as Mr Gaidar would strengthen the influence of conservatives such as Viktor Gerashchenko, head of the Central Bank and long-standing enemy of the supporters of tight fiscal policy.

The split between Mr Yeltsin and his erstwhile allies in the reform movement is open, with proponents of radical change accusing the Russian leader of abandoning his principles and moving towards more conservative positions to save his leadership.

It was an impression Mr Yeltsin's statement did little to avert. His call for the defence of reforms was accompanied by a reminder of the need to "take account of national and strategic interests", an example of the careful nationalist rhetoric which Mr Yeltsin is including with increasing frequency in his public pronouncements, in an attempt to sap some of the patriotic initiative from Vladimir Zhirinovsky's Liberal Democrats.

The Russia's Choice bloc, set up by Mr Gaidar as the pro-presidential movement in the parliamentary elections and which favours a more outright confrontation with the far right, turned on Mr Yeltsin, accusing his administration of inconsistencies since December. Defending Mr Gaidar's and Mrs Pamfilova's resignations, it said: "The economic and political situation in Russia has changed considerably. The leadership of the Russian government regularly departs from the course of stabilisation and reform while declaring that it remains true to it. In this situation the departure from the government of Russia's Choice representatives responsible for economic and social policy is the only possible decision."

The wording of the appeal places a question mark over the future of another key liberal, Anatoli Chubais, the Deputy Prime Minister responsible for the privatisation programme.

The hostile response of Russia's Choice provides a conundrum for Mr Yeltsin, who badly needs the support of the party, the second largest in the Duma behind the Liberal Democrats. Yesterday he appealed to Mr Gaidar not to let Russia's Choice become yet another element of opposition to his presidency, calling on him to be "led by the highest interests of Russia".

☐ **Rouble dips:** The rouble plunged to record low levels on the Moscow and St Petersburg exchanges after Mr Gaidar's departure, changing hands at 1,402 to the dollar. Currency dealers fear the onset of hyperinflation and an end to reforms, which had begun to curb the high inflation Russia has experienced since the abandonment of the Communist system.



Crimean defiance

Moscow: Crimea is poised to elect a Russian nationalist as president. Yuri Meshkov, a former Communist, said after he won the first-round poll that he did not intend to secede from Ukraine and would improve ties with Kiev. President Kravchuk of Ukraine denounced the poll, saying the constitution does not provide for a Crimean President. The run-off is on January 30.



Silvio Eschrich being dragged by court officials into his trial in Suhl yesterday as he spat at a photographer's lens

Neo-Nazis jailed for athlete attack

FROM REUTER IN SUHL, EASTERN GERMANY

SILVIO Eschrich, a German neo-Nazi skinhead, was sentenced yesterday to two years and eight months in prison for beating up a white American athlete outside a nightclub who had come to the aid of a black colleague.

Eschrich denied that the attack was racially motivated, but the judge read out a statement the defendant gave to police after the incident last October in which he was quoted as making racist remarks. He was charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm on Duncan Kennedy, a member of the US Olympic luge team, at the winter resort of Oberhof where the Americans were training.

Mr Kennedy, who suffered concussion, bruised ribs and a broken nose, said in evidence that he was beaten by the skinheads after they had made monkey noises and shouted "nigger" at Robert Pipkins, a black teammate. Eschrich, 21, told the court that, in punching Mr Kennedy two or three times, he was only trying to help his friend, Tino Voelkel, 16, who was given a one-year sentence.

Eschrich and the youth are the first of seven skinheads to stand trial for the attack. Yesterday they both expressed their remorse to Mr Kennedy in court. "We were only having a little fun," Eschrich said before he was convicted.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Passover poll date challenged

Rome: Embarrassed Italian officials are considering extending the general election by a day after the Jewish community complained that setting the poll for Passover, March 27, was discriminatory (John Phillips writes).

Elio Toaff, the Rome Chief Rabbi, said the community was appealing to the Constitutional Court over the initial decision. "The law that regulates the understanding between the state and Italian Jewry has been violated," he said. Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the Prime Minister, apologised personally to the Chief Rabbi, saying the choice was unavoidable.

The government said that it was "ready to draft urgent legislative measures" allowing observant Jews to vote after dusk on Monday, March 28.

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Saddam escape

Nicosia: President Saddam of Iraq escaped an assassination attempt earlier this month by an army lieutenant, apparently acting alone, the third such threat since he crushed a coup plot last July, an authoritative Iraqi source said.

Rushdie test

Cairo: In a test of the government's plans to relax artistic censorship, announced last Friday, the magazine *Rose al-Youssef* has published, for the first time in Egypt, excerpts from Salman Rushdie's novel *The Satanic Verses* and other banned works. *(AP)*

Consular cuts

Paris: France is to reduce further its staff in Algeria after gunmen shot dead Monique Afri, 45, a French consular official married to an Algerian, in Algiers. She is the 26th foreigner to be killed since late September. *(Reuter)*

Perilous swim

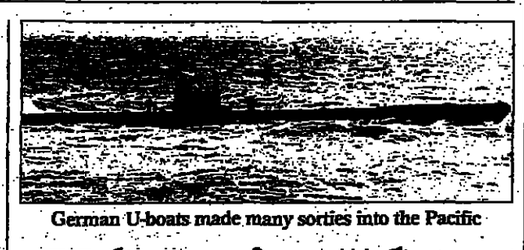
Port Moresby: Three Australian fishermen swam for 19 hours through shark and crocodile-infested water to safety after their boat sank off Papua New Guinea. They were discovered exhausted by villagers on a tiny island 20 miles west of Port Moresby. *(Reuter)*

Winning angle

Stockholm: Simon Donaldson, of Oxford University, and Chinese-born Shing Tung Yau, at Harvard, jointly won the £200,000 Crafoord prize, awarded by the Swedish Academy of Sciences, for deepening knowledge of four-dimensional geometry. *(AP)*

Lost lire

Palermo: Angela Caruso, 78, written off as dead because of a clerical error in 1938, has been found alive in a psychiatric hospital and her family wants to know who has been pocketing her old-age pension for the past 14 years. *(Reuter)*



German U-boats made many sorties into the Pacific

U-boat invaders milked Friesians in New Zealand

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN WELLINGTON

GERMAN U-boat sailors thirsty for fresh milk apparently invaded New Zealand during the Second World War, sneaking into a farmer's field to raid his dairy herd.

Although the story has taken 49 years to emerge, it has all the elements of a classic wartime drama: a Nazi submarine with a fearless captain, secret night landings using an inflatable dinghy, and the clandestine milking of a herd of pedigree cows.

The circumstantial evidence points strongly to landings in 1945 by the U-boat on the beach near Napier, on Hawkes Bay on the east coast of North Island. Air Marshal Sir Rochford Hughes, one of New Zealand's most honoured officers, wrote in the veterans' newspaper *Review* that the submarine was on extended patrol from Japanese-held Singapore. Sir Rochford said that in the late 1950s he met the U-boat's commander, Heinrich Timm, at a Royal Air Force Nato base near the Germans' Wilhelmshafen naval base — in the Friesian area.

Commander Timm said that his U-boat had been sent to Napier to check reports that an allied freighter was loading meat there for the war effort. But the freighter had engine trouble and stayed in port, so the submarine waited for three days and nights before giving up. He said that he and his crew would "watch with envy and the help of binoculars the girls dancing in a hall near the harbour... and fresh milk from some cows was a welcome change, though they complained about doing it all in the dark. It seems we did have some milk taken which wasn't paid for."

Frank Steiner, a former Napier farmer, said yesterday that he believes it was his cows which were clandestinely milked by the Germans. He ran the nearest dairy farm to Napier, and recalled there had been a day during the war years when his herd of Friesians was suspiciously dry of milk.

"I can remember this incident and it made sense," Mr Steiner said. He added that his farm's location also backed the U-boat commander's anecdote. Both the farm and the dance hall would be easily visible from a U-boat's conning tower at sea.



Bavarians boost Kohl candidate

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE Bavarian Christian Social Union yesterday threw its support behind Roman Herzog, a 59-year-old judge, as the government candidate for German President. The common front between the Christian Democrats and their Bavarian sister party ended months of political fumbling that has badly tarnished the leadership of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor.

Professor Herzog is chairman of the Constitutional Court, the highest legal authority, and an experienced provincial Christian Democrat politician. He is far more diplomatic than the first, ill-starred candidate, Steffen Heitmann, an east German theologian who gave the impression he was anti-immigration and wanted women to concentrate on motherhood rather than careers.

It soon became clear Dr Heitmann would not secure the necessary majority from the 1,324-member electoral college in May. Assailed by press criticism, Dr Heitmann withdrew and the Chancellor had to seek a replacement. Though the liberal Free Democrats are not likely to withdraw their own candidate, Professor Herzog should gain most of the party's votes in the third round.

For Herr Kohl, the victory of Professor Herzog would send an important signal of support for family-orientated, conservative values as the Christian Democrats approach a series of critical elections.

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'My house felt like a tossed salad ... the shaking was so strong that I felt this is it'

Quake ruins trailer home suburbia of Los Angeles

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

THIS time the homeless lived in trailers. Yesterday's earthquake, the second big disaster in Los Angeles in two months, struck not the millionaires of Malibu but hundreds of families in mobile home parks in the suburban San Fernando Valley.

The 40-second quake, with its epicentre 20 miles northwest of central Los Angeles, struck at 4.31am, measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale, shaking the earth east to Las Vegas and south to San Diego, and blacking out the entire Los Angeles basin. An overpass of Santa Monica Freeway in Los Angeles buckled. An intersection of two important freeways in the San Fernando Valley collapsed. Water and gas lines were ruptured as 40 homes caught fire near Sylmar at the northern end of the valley, which spreads for 50 miles north of downtown, and is a suburban expanse of three million people. A 64-car freight train carrying hazardous material between Chatsworth and Northridge was derailed. The quake ripped through the conurbation, bringing frightened residents onto their balconies and lawns, and caused power cuts 1,000 miles away in Portland, Oregon.

At least ten people were reported killed. Pete Wilson, the Governor of California, said the casualty toll could have been much higher. "We were spared what might have occurred if this had been three hours later on a normal day," Mr Wilson told the Cable News Network. Yesterday was a public holiday.

"I've never prayed so hard for sunrise," said a radio reporter heading for the epicentre at Northridge. Sunrise revealed a gigantic pall of smoke from three burning mobile home parks and a nearby gas main which had exploded, sending orange flames 150ft into the air. A maze of ramps linking the heavily travelled Golden State freeway became a patchwork of rubble. Huge, soaring spans of the freeway collapsed and buckled, trapping motorists.

At the epicentre, near the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, water and gas mains were ruptured. Streets were flooded, bringing a wave of mud into the worst affected areas, and reducing water flow to a trickle in urgently needed fire hydrants. By midmorning, more than 50 fires were burning across the city, with 20 gas leaks threatening many more. According to one long-time mobile home resident, the earthquake had tipped the homes onto their sides, shearing off gas pipes and causing the sparks which started the fires. "Mobile homes are notorious in earthquakes. They go up like matchsticks," he said.

The earthquake was blamed on a "shallow fault thrust" caused by the San Fernando Fault which last ruptured in 1971. Earthquake damage this severe has not been known in Los Angeles since 1933 and yesterday's shake was being compared to the great Landers quake of 1857. Initially, experts at the California Institute of Technology feared it might have been caused by the more famous and deadly San Andreas Fault, being merely a fore shock of an even stronger earthquake, but that danger receded with each passing hour.

Richie Zaven, 15, who lives within yards of the epicentre, said his house felt "like a tossed salad" as he woke to see his bedroom dresser collapsing on him. "The shaking was so strong that I felt this is it." As helicopters water-bombed the fires and sirens whined through buckled streets to the flashpoints, radio stations advised excited Angelenos to "talk to people, maybe have a cup of coffee and thank God you are alive".

Charlotte Blum, 42, a teacher from Granada Hills, said: "There was a lot of shaking and rumbling, then we heard a loud boom which turned out to be the gas main." She stood with her daughter in her flooded garden at dawn, watching flames billow from the middle of the street. Her house was still standing but looked as if it had been turned upside down, then back on its feet. "We were having a sleepover party," she said. "My house is a mess but my kids are OK and that's what's important."

Pat Yomtob, 14, a block away, had been enjoying a different sort of party. "We were playing Nintendo, Dude, and the whole place was shaking. At first I thought it was the graphics." A carpenter driving through the Sylmar area, having been to check on his brother's family, said: "In California we plan for quakes the whole time, but you can never be ready. When it comes your nerves are shattered."

Malibu was not unscathed. The Pacific Coast Highway, which links the likes of Sean Penn to the studios in Hollywood, was blocked by a landslide, and in a repeat of last November's Malibu fires one of the brushwood canyons in the Santa Monica Mountains was ablaze.

State of emergency, page 1



Many areas in Los Angeles were devastated. From top left, clockwise: the Santa Monica Freeway cracked in two; burst gas and water mains caused fire and flooding in Grenada Hills; a couple escaped from their flat after the block collapsed and firefighters tried to rescue motorists



Wilson: said toll could have been far worse

America recalls worst tremors

Earthquakes that have been recorded in the United States include the following:

■ April 18-19 1906: quake and fires level San Francisco, killing an estimated 700 people. Scientists later say it would have registered 8.3 on the Richter scale, adopted in 1935.

■ March 10 1933: 6.3-magnitude quake in Long Beach, California, kills 115 people.

■ July 21 1952: quake in the Tehachapi-Bakersfield area 50 miles north of Los Angeles registers 7.7.

■ March 27 1964: known as the Good Friday quake, an 8.4-magnitude quake near Prince William Sound, Alaska, kills 131 people.

■ February 9 1971: in San Fernando, California, a 6.5-magnitude quake leaves 65 dead.

■ January 24 1980: 5.8-magnitude quake rocks the Livermore area east of San Francisco, damaging a nuclear weapons laboratory.

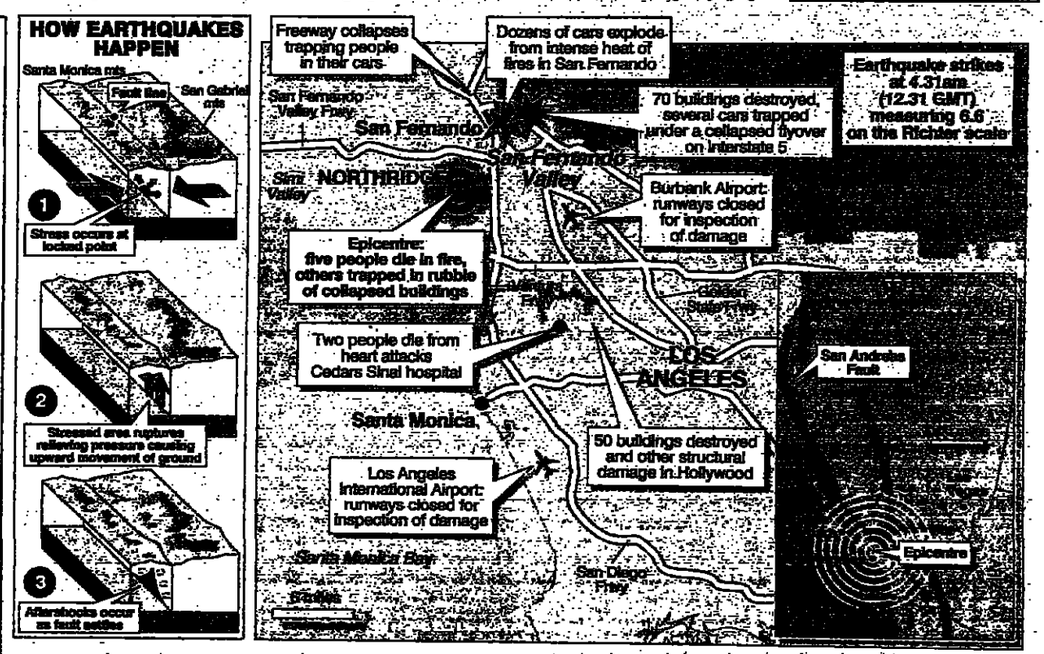
■ October 1, 1987: quake in Whittier, California, measuring 5.9 and a 5.3-magnitude aftershock kills eight.

■ October 17, 1989: quake that shakes the San Francisco Bay area registers 7.1 and kills 63.

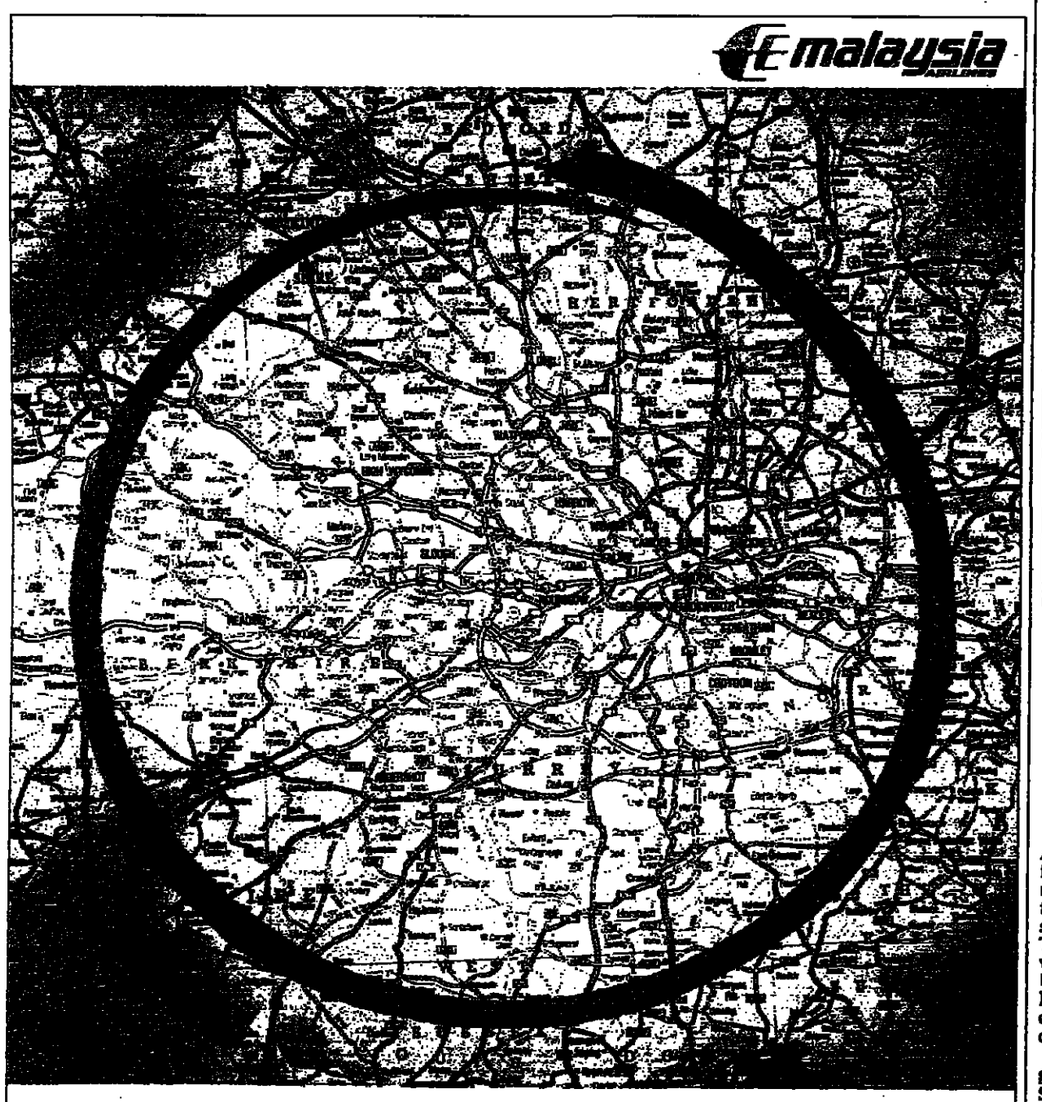
■ June 28 1991: 5.8-magnitude quake under the San Gabriel Mountains in southern California kills two people.

■ June 28 1992: two quakes, measuring 7.6 and 6.7, hit southern California, killing a boy.

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Scientists seize on disaster as chance to prepare for big one

BY NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

AN ANCIENT geological fault, perhaps dormant for millions of years, could have triggered the earthquake that struck Los Angeles yesterday. The epicentre of the quake, which measured 6.6 on the Richter scale, was at Northridge in the San Fernando Valley, 20 miles northwest of central Los Angeles.

Dr Russ Evans, a seismologist at the British Geological Survey in Edinburgh, where the world's earthquakes are monitored, said yesterday: "This is a very complicated area geologically. A lot of people in the earthquake business will be scrambling over this area for evidence of which fault it was."

He said the initial indications were that the fault was not part of the San Andreas, the major fault that runs along a line northwest to southeast from San Fransisco to Los Angeles.

Around the Northridge area this main fault veers sharply west before suddenly returning to its old course. This swing is known as "The Big Bend". Dr Evans said: "Northridge is not on this, but is an area of scores of other smaller faults."

Some of the faults are old ones that led to the formation of a moutainous area known as the Transverse Range. Others are more recent, active faults. "But even faults which have not been active in historical times could now be active too," Dr Evans said.

He added that, in spite of the reported deaths yesterday and the extent of the damage, some colleagues in California were viewing such quakes as blessings in disguise, since they were preparing the authorities for a repetition of the devastating earthquake of 1857 which was linked with the San Andreas.

He said that not only were these less severe quakes taking pressure off the main fault line, but they were helping to counteract complacency. Two of the biggest catalysts for improving the building codes in the area were the Long Beach and San Fernando earthquakes of 1934 and 1971.

"The people who live in the Los Angeles basin are finding out what getting a taste of an earthquake is all about, helping to keep up pressure on earthquake-proof building regulations and earthquake protection," he added.

Seismologists said the earthquake was part of an unstable regional geology that over a 50-million-year period is dragging Los Angeles north to where modern-day San Francisco now is. The many fault lines in the area are also pushing the San Gabriel and Santa Monica mountains together. Yesterday's quake could have brought the two ranges closer by about a quarter of an inch.

Bruce Presgrave, of the US Geological Survey's national earthquake information centre at Golden, Colorado, said yesterday that the quake had come without warning. "We still cannot predict earthquakes. There were some smaller earthquakes last week in the Santa Monica area. People will be trying to see if these were foreshocks, but prediction is still in its infancy," he said.

He said it was possible to set up warning systems for aftershocks by linking buried sensors at the epicentre of a quake with areas likely to be affected by subsequent tremors. This was done after the 1989 quake and gave people a 15-second warning.

☐ **Wellington:** Many of the world's top seismologists were blissfully unaware than an earthquake measuring 4.4 on the Richter scale had struck their conference here at the weekend. Earthquakes are common in New Zealand, but few cause any damage.

"Apparently one or two delegates thought 'Oh well, it's just the cleaners'," Fred Davey, chairman of the organising committee, said. About half of the 450 delegates were said to have been unaware of the quake. *(Reuter)*

The Richter scale, devised in 1935, goes from one to 12. It is logarithmic, so that an earthquake of five is ten times more powerful than one of four. The Modified Mercalli Scale measures intensity. An earthquake of one is detectable only by instruments and 12 is classified as catastrophic with total destruction. Six is strong with slight damage and seven is very strong, damaging poorly built structures. The level of damage is related to population and the quality of buildings.

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Margaret Thatcher and her ministers tried to stop the most comprehensive survey of British sexual attitudes and behaviour ever compiled because, said Kenneth Baker in his memoirs, it would only show "that Britain had become a more promiscuous society — which we knew — and more experimental in the realm of bisexual relationships — which we also knew." He was wrong. In fact it would show something much more interesting and subtle, with some unexpected implications for both policy and rhetoric, as we now know because the Wellcome Trust stepped in to fund the survey, of which substantial extracts have now appeared in *Nature* and *The Independent on Sunday*. The report, by Julia Field, Anne Johnson, Jane Wadsworth and Kaye Wellings, will be published in full next Monday by Blackwell.

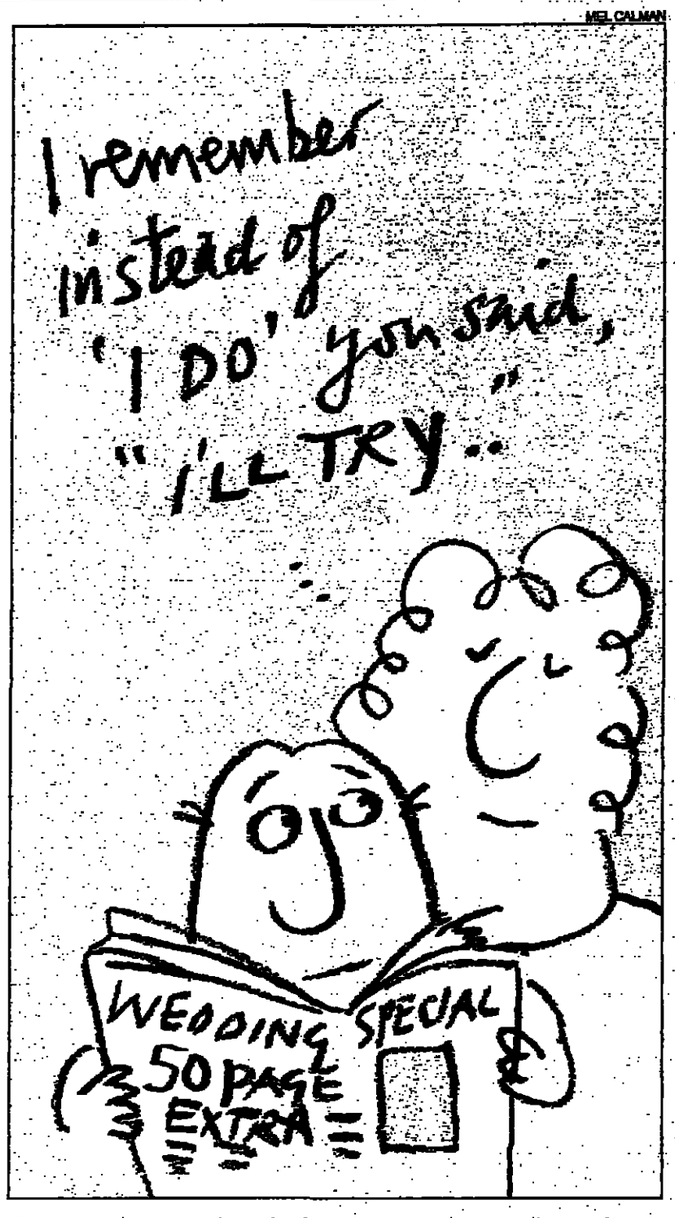
Kenneth Baker, George Younger and Douglas Hurd were alarmingly arrogant and philistine in their determination four years ago to reject recommendations from the Government's own Chief Medical Officer, the Health Education Authority and the Economic and Social Research Council to fund this survey. Its primary purpose was to establish the facts that any government ought to know when committing substantial funds to a campaign to inhibit the spread of a deadly sexually transmitted disease, in this case Aids. What made these ministers suppose they knew enough already, when all their own expert advisers insisted they didn't? Were they afraid that this report would unsettle the nation, as Kinsey's famous study unsettled America in the 1940s, by revealing the British as terminally decadent?

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One thing they undoubtedly did not expect was to find themselves so much out of step with the general public on the issue of adultery in respect of both attitude and practice, as William Rees-Mogg pointed out yesterday. Only one person in 50 believes extramarital sex to be not at all wrong, and four out of five people think it is always or nearly always so. Fewer than one in ten married men and one in 20 married women reported being unfaithful to their spouse in the previous five years. And, if some of the 18,876 respondents in this painstakingly representative sample of the 16 to 59-year-old British population were lying, it should be pointed out that they at least did so consistently, as the overall results show. It is a careful piece of work.

For the married, then, monogamy remains both the ideal and the norm. It appears also to be the ideal for the unmarried, on practical as well as moral grounds. Half of all respondents agreed with the statement "a person who sticks with one partner is likely to have a more satisfying sex life than someone who has many partners", and more than two thirds supported the statement "sex tends to get better the longer you know someone". Young people are as firmly unenthusiastic about casual sex as are their elders, though nearly twice as many women as men think one-night stands are always wrong. Similar proportions (38 per cent of the men and 64 per cent of the women) of those who had casual sex in the previous five years themselves thought it was always wrong, too.

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Britain as a *News of the World* style hotbed of carefree promiscuity is not at all the picture that emerges here. People start their search for sexual gratification much earlier than they used to (women born in the early 1930s lost their virginity at 21, on average, compared with 17 for the youngest age group, and nearly one in five of the youngest did so before the age of consent), but what they really want is to settle down and stick to one person. The consensus on how to do that has changed dramatically; three quarters now believe sex before marriage to be not wrong at all or only rarely so, and whereas over half of the oldest group of women were virgins until they were engaged or married, only one per cent of the youngest now are. Sex educators should note, though, that over half the girls who had sex before the age of 16 thought it was too early.

There's an awful lot of disappointment, misunderstanding and — does this surprise you, politicians? — guilt out there. Cohabiting couples behave more like the single than the married, but the women involved wish they wouldn't. Since the General Household Survey 1991 tells us that one in five of the unmarried or separated are cohabiting, that's a great swath of women who think they are in a monogamous relationship tied to men who think they aren't.

Sex educators should take account of that, too. There are a few other things they should note, such as the undeniable implication that teenage sex harms your career prospects. Those who become sexually active very young are much more likely to go on having multiple partners, and they are much less likely to pass their exams. (Young black males, by the way, lose their virginity on average a year younger than whites and three years younger than Asian males.) Although there are no strong correlations between sexual behaviour and social class except, bizarrely, in the matter of oral and anal sex, with the nobs favouring the former and the workers the latter, there is a clear link with education.

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Over half of non-graduate men had sex before 18 compared with only one in five male graduates. This puts into perspective those tales of wild drunken pick-up sessions in student bars: they are just making up for lost time. And, if students need alcohol to help them lose their inhibitions, it seems the rest of the population doesn't. Only a tiny proportion (4 per cent of men, 2.7 per cent of women) admitted to being a bit drunk when they lost their virginity. Most of the rest went out to the chemist's, bought themselves a packet of condoms because government propaganda had indeed sunk in, and got on with it in a fairly detached spirit of curiosity or because "it seemed like a natural follow-on in the relationship". It was generally as unromantic as that sounds. Only a third said they were in love.

The Catholic Church should most certainly rethink its approach to sex education for boys, because whatever it is now doing evidently has the opposite of the intended effect. Only around one in 20 Catholic girls has sex under 16, as do girls who profess any other denomination or religion, but the boys are out there chasing girls with almost as much determination and success as their agnostic brethren. Or is the intended effect perhaps that girls should be good and boys should sow their wild oats with pagan lost souls before settling down to Christian marriage?

Speaking of lost souls, the oldest profession is apparently in a steady decline. According to this survey, whose authors rightly indicate that what people admit about paying for sex needs treating with some caution, the old masculine tradition of losing one's virginity to a prostitute has completely died out among the youngest age group. About 10 per cent of the older men, generally middle-class ones, had at some time visited prostitutes, but very few of those made much of a habit of it. Only one in 500 admitted to a tally higher than ten. Georges Simenon is certainly not alive and well and living in England, although one cannot help wondering about the identity of the man who claimed over 4,500 conquests. Tantalising not to know whether he was very handsome, or just very rich.

A significant point emerged here for the anti-Aids campaign. The section of this report dealing with homosexual behaviour has not yet been released, but bisexual men were far more likely to visit prostitutes than those who had never slept with another man. A pre-war prostitute's clients were mostly married, but nearly all of a contemporary prostitute's clients would seem to be bisexual and/or divorced or separated.

Britain has, however, made a better job than most countries of containing the Aids epidemic. Norman Fowler was right to react promptly, although it can be said and often is that we might have spent our funds better, and spent less, if we had had the information in this survey that the Cabinet wanted to suppress a few years earlier. If nothing else, this report suggests the French may be right in saying that we British only relish our sex scandals as we do because they are so unusual, and they are unusual because there really isn't much sex going on in Britain at all. It is commonplace for fertility doctors to tell patients they are having difficulty conceiving because they simply don't make love as often as the Americans, the Australians and the Italians. Eight or nine times a month is the average for 25-44 year-olds, dropping sharply after two years with the same person. As I said, hardly a hotbed.

● Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles *(Blackwell Scientific Publications, £29.95)*; Sexual Behaviour in Britain *(Penguin, £15)*.

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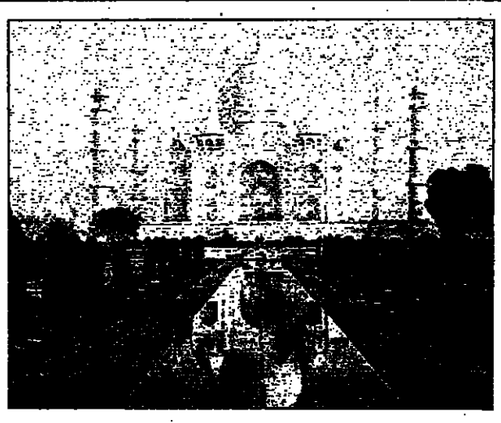
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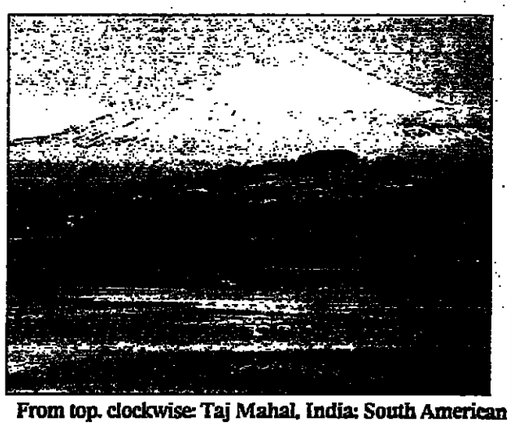
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How to stop death on the tracks

Researchers call for safety devices to reduce the growing number of suicides on London's Underground

In 1872, Count Leo Tolstoy attended an inquest on a young woman who had thrown herself under a train. The incident was the inspiration for the writing of *Anna Karenina*, whose fictional death occurred in the same manner.

It is difficult for us today to appreciate the impact this made when the book was published in 1878. Tolstoy's decision to end his heroine's life under the wheels of a train was a deliberate reference to the growing and brutal impact of industrialisation.

The first recorded case of suicide in front of an English train occurred in 1852. Since then numbers of railway suicides have steadily increased, reflecting the spread of the railways.

For many years suicide has been the commonest cause of death on British railways. Out of about 300 people who die on the railways every year, suicide is the official verdict in about half the cases.

This figure has been stable for some years, but over the last 20 years there has been a steady increase in a number of people attempting suicide on the London Underground. About 100 such attempts are now recorded annually. Alarmed at this increase, London Underground recently commissioned studies which are published in the February issue of *Social Science and Medicine*.

Sociologist Ian O'Donnell and epidemiologist Richard Farmer, working in the department of public health at Charing Cross Hospital, looked at the pattern of cases across the Underground. The station with most such incidents was King's Cross. However, if one takes into account the volume of passengers, the stations most vulnerable to suicide attempts were Mile End, Tooting Bec and Archway, closely followed by the Oval and Clapham North.

A glance at the location of London's psychiatric hospitals reveals why — all these stations are close to a psychiatric centre. This serves as a timely reminder of the facts of suicide — the vast majority of those who take their life do so as a result of mental illness.

Railway suicides do not account for many of the 5,000 suicides recorded annually in this country, but are of particular concern for several reasons. Most people who risk their life by taking an overdose of tablets survive — only about half those who jump under trains do so.

Many suicidal attempts are impulsive. If someone can be prevented from, or alternatively survives, the suicide attempt, they do not usually immediately look for another, more successful, method. Therefore reducing the opportunity for suicide saves lives.

Those who survive a dramatic and dangerous attempt often take spiritual comfort from their survival — it can act as a return of hope.

Several contributors to *Social Science and Medicine* make practical suggestions for reducing the risk on the Underground. They suggest that more "suicide pits", the gap between the rail and the ground, are needed. These are standard in Hong Kong, where most jumpers fall safely under the rail.

It was also noted that most suicides occur just as a train enters the station at speed — a barrier at that strategic point might also save lives. Last weekend it was announced that, to reduce costs, the proposed London East-West Crosslink would no longer have these safety barriers installed.

In Vienna recently there was an epidemic of train suicides, following sensational media coverage. When the Austrian media agreed to restrict the reporting of suicide attempts on the Vienna subway, the number of incidents declined.



King's Cross: highest record of suicides

There is another, less obvious, victim in railway suicides — the driver of the train. Studies commissioned by both London and Stockholm Underground systems have documented the immediate psychological distress this causes the drivers, and the longer-term effects of emotional disorder and sickness.

Nearly half experienced psychiatric disorder, although most had recovered six months after the incident. Fortunately, it seems early, simple psychological support can reduce this distress.

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Dr James Le Fanu explores the sweaty, smelly, complex world of fungi

Fungus as bogeyman

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The fungus *Trichophyton rubrum*, with its thread-like hyphae — Pliny recommended "sow's gall and bull's urine" as the best remedy

Few medical problems are more routine than a young woman with an attack of vaginal thrush, perhaps following a course of antibiotics. The diagnosis is self-evident — an itchy white discharge — and the treatment — one dose of the anti-fungal pill Diflucan — could not be more straightforward. Scarcely intellectually challenging, yet the great pleasure of practising medicine is that virtually every ailment, no matter how trivial, opens a window on to the sublime mysteries of the natural world.

The yeast that causes thrush, *Candida*, is only one of 80 species of micro-organisms — fungi, bacteria and protozoa — to be found in their hundreds of millions in the healthy human body. As in any other habitat, each species struggles to maintain its foothold against adversaries.

The presence of so many micro-organisms in such close symbiotic relationship to man protects and maintains human health in myriad subtle ways. So resident bacteria in the throat, such as *Strep. viridans*, secrete an antibiotic-like compound, bacteriocin, which prevents infection by other, more toxic pathogens which cause pneumonia and abscesses; *Lactobacilli* in the vagina secrete hydrogen peroxide, which is toxic to *Candida* species and so keeps thrush at bay and protects against gonorrhoea and other sexually transmitted infections; normal flora in the gut generate short-chain fatty acids which are toxic to organisms that cause dysentery, such as cholera and salmonella.

Yet the role of these organisms is not entirely benign, and nowhere is this better seen than with human fungal infections responsible for such diverse, if minor, ailments as ringworm, athlete's foot, dhobie itch (ringworm of the groin) and dandruff.

Fungi are an evolutionary anomaly. Their chief function is as recyclers of the detritus of the organic world, and they can flourish in the most hostile of environments. They have been recovered from acids, inorganic solutions, distilled water bottles, and even pathology museum specimens. There are more than 100,000 types, 11 of which have adapted to living on humans, feeding off the tough fibrous protein, keratin, which is present in hair and skin cells. The keratin itself is encased in a strong membrane but, true to their destiny as recyclers, the fungi do not find this an impediment. Their narrow, thread-like protuberances or hyphae literally push their way in and secrete a group of digestive enzymes which make the keratin edible.

The fungi are ubiquitous. Everybody harbours one or two strains on their skins, which usually cause no symptoms. But if the integrity of the skin is breached and they get a hold, particularly in some warm, moist area or inaccessible site, they are astonishingly resilient and difficult to eradicate.

Tinea corporis or ringworm is the simplest form found on humans, from the Arctic to the equator to the Antarctic. The term "ringworm" reflects the manner in which it spreads from the site of infection outwards in a centrifugal fashion to form characteristic red, scaly and itchy rings.

Another form, tinea versicolor, is more generalised. This fungus interferes with manufacture of skin pigment, leading to dark patches in Caucasians and pale ones in dark-skinned people. Ninety-two per cent of the population harbour the organism responsible, *Malassezia furfur*, either on the scalp or chest. As with many other fungal infections, the reason why it should cause symptoms in some but not others is not at all clear.

This is the case with athlete's foot. The toe webs would seem to provide the ideal environment for fungal proliferation, but attempts experimentally to induce the condition by regularly immersing the feet of volunteers in water laden with fungi have failed to produce a single case. This suggests that athlete's foot is not a contagious disease spread from one person to another, but rather that the fungus is almost universal, and symptoms develop only in those with


Itchy misery of athlete's foot

a genetic predisposition, or in the very favourable circumstances found in heavy footwear, which generates the right degree of sweaty humidity.

Nor indeed are fungi solely responsible for the smelly discomfort of athlete's foot. Rather, athlete's foot has been described as an ecological wonderland of competing organisms. First come the fungi which alone can break through the tough cell wall to get at the keratin. Other resident bacteria in the vicinity are killed off by naturally secreted antibiotics, such as penicillin. The bacteria, however, hit back, first by becoming resistant to the fungi's antibiotics, and then by overwhelming them with force of numbers.

One bacterium in particular also inhibits fungal growth and, by synthesising a variety of foul-smelling gases with evocative names such as cadaverine and putrescine, gives rise to the unpleasant, cheese-like odour found in those badly affected. Thus, interestingly, in some of the worst cases of athlete's foot, fungi can be detected in less than a quarter of cases. Treatments must be directed first at killing off the bacteria, and only then against the fungi.

Pliny recommended "sow's gal and bull's urine" as the best antifun gal remedy. More mundane domestic cures include antiseptics, iodine and salts, but for the really difficult cases modern drug therapy is always necessary.

The subtle and often mutually beneficial relationship o man and his natural flora falls apart when the immune system is compromised by infection with the HIV virus. Indeed much o the distress of Aids patients, particularly in the later stages of their illness, is due to these otherwise innocuous micro-organisms. In the words of Philip Mackowiak of the University of Texas: "The natura microbial flora cannot be viewed in absolute terms according to their capacity to benefit or menace the hosts. Given the appropriate circumstances, each species can either help or harm."

Bicker and you'll get sicker

Continual arguments can make couples more vulnerable to viruses

Sarcasm can damage your health. So can bickering, disapproval, long-term infighting or screaming at your spouse or partner. New research shows that disagreements between couples tend to weaken their immune systems and make them more susceptible to viruses and even tumours.

Researchers at Ohio State University took 90 newly wed couples with pristine mental and physical health records, put them in controlled conditions for 24 hours, and watched them argue on video. Sampling their blood before and after fights, the scientists found their immune systems to be much lower after the conflict.

Dr Ronald Glaser, a virologist, explains: "A professional psychologist talks to them about their relationship — problems with in-laws, money, leisure time... From that, we find hot areas for them to get into, wait until they're accustomed to the situation, and then they get angry. After the first couple of minutes they stop noticing the camera."

The researchers, who include Dr Janice Kiecolt Glaser, a psychiatrist, and Dr William Malarkey, an endocrinologist, found that women's immune systems showed more damage than men's. Dr Glaser says: "Women are more physiologically aroused, while guys stonewall. By doing that, men often block out the physical reaction. On the other hand, men might not get problems resolved."

Couples who were nastier to each other during the half-hour discussion of a marital problem showed greater immunological change, and had higher blood pressure for longer during and just after the argument. "We're not saying people shouldn't disagree," says Dr Glaser. "It's the quality of the disagreement that seems to cause problems."

The team suspects that arguments between couples that last for hours or days at home would show a more severe depletion of the body's natural virus-killing cells. They acknowledge that spending 24 hours in a laboratory having blood tests and being asked to argue in public is itself stressful.

> 'Recently divorced people are more at risk'

If a tiny argument has a temporary effect on the immune system, major events such as divorce and bereavement have more profound consequences for health. "Divorce is a big stresser," Dr Glaser says. "Marital studies show that people who are recently divorced are more at risk of illness. People in happy marriages are generally more healthy, but people who stay in marriages full of conflict are often in as bad a state as those divorcing."

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Lynne Truss



■ Donor organs are all very well, but one wouldn't want a mix-up

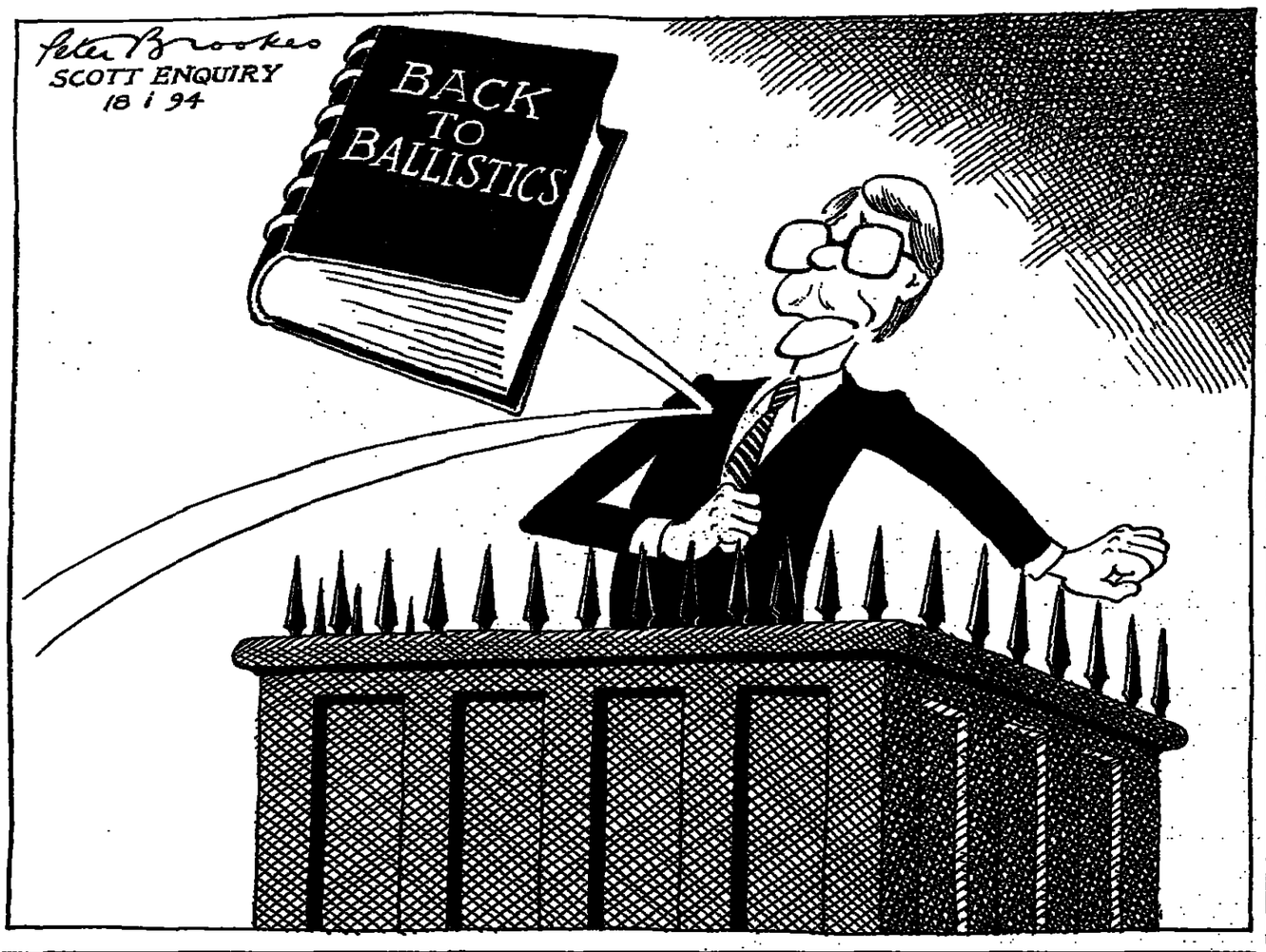
I would like you to imagine the following narrative and see what is wrong with it. A woman, in Virginia, drives at top speed away from the house where she has just severed her husband's penis. She is by nature a longsuffering person (as evidenced by her placid acceptance of her married name — Bobbitt — with all its connotations of finger puppets), but under the strain of the relationship she has finally snapped like a dry stick, and now she hares away from the grisly scene. She tosses the offending pizzle from the car window and drives on. All this may sound implausible, but in credibility terms it is easy meat compared with the next bit. For, shortly after, the police arrive, locate the member, pack it in ice and nee-naw it to a hospital (doubtless singing encouraging songs to it, to keep its peck — I mean, er, to boost its morale), where it is successfully re-attached to a grateful Mr Bobbitt.

Now my point is this. If you leave a trowel in the long grass next to the shed, you can't find it, can you? If you drop a clothes-peg on the kitchen floor and it bounces sideways, it can disappear for weeks. Yet for some reason Mr Bobbitt's severed member was found easily by the side of a busy road. Is this not suspicious? If I were Mr Bobbitt, what would really worry me right now is not the imminent outcome of the court case against Mrs Bobbitt, nor even the off-colour willy-jokes at my expense ("It will never stand up in court", and so on). No, I would be thinking: do I have the right willy? What if those well-meaning state troopers, scouring the dusty roadside ("There it is! We got it!"), actually located somebody else's?

You may not remember the old German film *The Hands of Orlac*, but it is relevant, I promise. The plot concerned a virtuoso pianist who by a crushing misfortune loses both his hands in a railway accident, but whose career is ostensibly saved when a scientist secretly sews on some donor hands belonging to a freshly hanged murderer, whose dextrous speciality happened to be strangling and knife-throwing. Doubtless you can see where this is leading. The post-operative pianist peers at his big mitts ("They don't look like mine," he comments, but tragically lets it pass), and then tries to practise some scales, only to find that — musically speaking — his new fingers have "Geest" and "Fyffes" written all over them. It is peculiar. Then one day his fiancée's newspaper is snatched by a gust of wind, and he automatically picks up a Sabatier, yells "Leave this to me!", and hurls the knife with such deadly accuracy that it nails the paper to the floor. Naturally, there is a significant pause while she looks at him, and he looks at the knife, and then they both look at his sewn-on hands, with glum expressions.

Reports of Mr Bobbitt's operation tell us it was only partially successful. In other words, *it is not the willy that it used to be*. Enough said, I think. Much attention stateside has focused on the advisability of women taking the law into their own hands, and on the disturbing idea that here, in the Bobbitt emasculation, is the most terrifying of all female revenges. But of course it isn't, not by a long measure. A proper job would involve detailed pre-planning, and in particular the planting of a lookalike willy on a main road (a stand-in!), possibly next to a large sign with "I think this is what you're looking for, officer" written in large letters upon it. In the sweetest of all possible revenges, Mr Bobbitt would therefore emerge from his anaesthetic and say, "Funny, doesn't look like mine", but cast such doubt immediately from his thoughts, as impossibly farfetched.

Tattooed serial numbers would seem to be the answer, if any man is worried. But I doubt Mrs Bobbitt with her kitchen knife has started a trend, or anything. Most women are rightly repulsed by the idea of mutilation; if there is a nasty cackle of joy among certain feminists at the Bobbitt news, it's just that there is something irresistibly hilarious at the idea of standing between a man and his willy, for however brief a span. I just hope the Hollywood Bobbitt films have thought of the *Orlac* angle. It would be a shame not to grab it up, rush it to the studios, and stitch it on sharpish. After all, it wouldn't even matter if it didn't quite fit.



A prisoner's testament

In the hands of Islamic fundamentalists, true religious feeling has become a weapon, and holiness a heresy. Why?

Bernard Levin

There are different kinds of savages. Perhaps the worst of them are those who believe — or, rather, claim to believe — that they have been given some kind of message from their deity which permits them — indeed orders them — to demand that those professing a different faith must renounce it, on pain of ostracism, expulsion, imprisonment or ultimately execution. Such people now rule Iran.

There is a man there named Mehdi Dibaj, who long ago embraced the Christian religion, and has ever since followed his master Christ. For this, and only this, he has been imprisoned for nine years, has recently been threatened with hanging, and has only now, after a worldwide campaign on his behalf, been released.

We shall see what becomes of him, and others in a similar situation. Meanwhile, I seek enlightenment. Why has one of the world's most beautiful and profound religions, Islam, been turned into a monstrous charnel-house of fanaticism, by the people who sought the death of Mehdi Dibaj, and nearly got it? And why do these same people spit in the face of the Prophet (peace to his name)?

I await answers. But when Mehdi Dibaj was awaiting his fate, he wrote his final testament, addressed to his jailers. I reproduce it here in its entirety.

In the Holy name of God who is our life and existence. With all humility I express my gratitude to the Judge of all heaven and earth for this precious opportunity, and with brokenness I wait upon the Lord to deliver me from this court trial according to His promises. I also beg the honoured members of the court present to listen with patience to my defence and with respect for the Name of the Lord.

I am a Christian, a sinner who believes Jesus has died for my sins on the cross and who by His resurrection and victory over death, has made me righteous in the presence of the Holy God. The true God speaks about this fact in His Holy Word, the Gospel. Jesus means Saviour "because He will save His people from their sins". Jesus paid the penalty of our sins by His own blood and gave us a new life so that we can live for the glory of God by the help of the Holy Spirit and be like a dam against corruption, be a channel of blessing and healing, and be protected by the love of God.

In response to this kindness, He has asked me to deny myself and be His fully surrendered follower, and not fear people even if they kill my body, but rather rely on the creator of life who has crowned me with the crown of mercy and compassion, and who is the great protector of His beloved ones and their great reward.

I have been charged with "Apostasy"! The invisible God who knows our hearts has given assurance to us Christians that we are not among the apostates who will perish but among the believers so that we may save our lives. In Islamic Law an apostate is one who does not believe in God, the prophets or the resurrection of the dead. We Christians believe in all three!

They say "You were a Muslim and you have become a Christian." No, for many years I had no religion. After searching and studying I accepted God's call and I believed in the Lord Jesus Christ in order to receive eternal life. People choose their religion, but a Christian is chosen by Christ. He says "You have not chosen me but I have chosen you." From when? Before the foundation of the world.

People say "You were a Muslim from your birth." God says "You were a Christian from the beginning." He states that He chose us thousands of years ago, even before the creation of the universe, so that through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ we may be His! A Christian means one who belongs to Jesus Christ.

The eternal God who sees the end from the beginning and who has chosen me to belong to Him knew from everlasting whose heart would be drawn to Him and also those who would be willing to sell their faith and eternity for a pot of porridge. I would rather have the whole world against me but know that the Almighty God is with me, be called an apostate but know that I have the approval of the God of glory, because man looks at the outward appearance but God looks at the heart, and for Him who is God for all eternity nothing is impossible. All power in heaven and on earth is in His hands.

The Almighty God will raise up anyone He chooses and bring down others, accept some and reject others, send some to heaven and others to hell. Now because God does whatever He desires, who can separate us from the love of God? Or who can destroy the relationship between the creator and the creature or defeat a heart that is faithful to His Lord? He will be safe and secure under the shadow of the Almighty! Our refuge is the mercy seat of God who is exalted from the beginning. I know in whom I have believed, and He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him to the end, until I reach the Kingdom of God, the place where the righteous shine like the sun, but where the evil doers will receive their punishment in hell fire.

They tell me "Return!" But from the arms of my God, whom can I return to? Is it right to accept what people are saying instead of obeying the Word of God? It is now 45 years that I am walking with the God of miracles, and His kindness upon me is like a shadow and I owe Him much for His fatherly love and concern.

The love of Jesus has filled all my being and I feel the warmth of His love in every part of my body. God, who is my glory and honour and protector, has put his seal of approval upon me through His unsparing blessings and miracles.

This test of faith is a clear example. The good and kind God reproves and punishes all those whom He loves. He tests them in preparation for heaven. The God of Daniel, who protected his friends in the fiery furnace, has protected me for nine years in prison and all the bad happenings have turned out for our good and gain, so much so that I am filled overflowing with joy and thankfulness.

The God of Job has tested my faith and commitment in order to strengthen my patience and faithfulness. During those nine years he has freed me from all my responsibilities so that under the protection of His blessed Name I would spend my time in prayer and study of His Word, with heart searching and brokenness, and grow in the knowledge of my Lord. I praise the Lord for this unique opportunity. "You gave me space in my confinement, my difficult hardships brought healing and your kindnesses revived me". Oh what great blessings God has in store for those who fear Him!

They object to my evangelising. But "If you find a blind person near a well and keep silent then you have sinned" (a Persian poem). It is our religious duty, as long as the door of God's mercy is open, to convince evil-doers to turn from their sinful ways and find refuge in Him in order to be saved from the wrath of a Righteous God and from the coming dreadful punishment.

Jesus Christ says "I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved." "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Among the prophets of God, only Jesus Christ rose from the dead, and He is our living intercessor for ever.

He is our Saviour and He is the Son of God. To know Him means to know eternal life. I, a useless sinner, have believed in His beloved person and all His words and miracles recorded in the Gospel, and I have committed my life into His hands. Life for me is an opportunity to serve Him, and death is a better opportunity to be with Christ. Therefore I am not only satisfied to be in prison for the honour of His Holy Name, but am ready to give my life for the sake of Jesus my Lord and enter His kingdom sooner, the place where the elect of God enter everlasting life, but the wicked to eternal damnation.

May the shadow of God's kindness and His hand of blessing and healing be upon you and remain for ever. Amen.

With respect, Your Christian prisoner, Mehdi Dibaj.

Clarke's men are massing

Major must beware the left, says Mary Ann Sieghart

They're behind you! They're behind you! — shout children at a pantomime. Inevitably the leading character looks over the wrong shoulder and fails to see his enemies lurking in the shadows. Today's Tory Party resembles a pantomime not just because of the elements of farce surrounding some ministers' misdemeanours, but because the principal man is looking over his right shoulder instead of his left.

According to conventional political wisdom, it is those on the right who are out to get John Major. And according to some newspapers, he is out to crucify them. In the leadership election of 1990, they thought he was their candidate. Ever since, he has let them down. They see him as a closet liberal who masqueraded as a Thatcherite in order to win power. Betrayal is their favourite word.

It is these people whom we hear on the radio and see fulminating on College Green. But the mistake is to assume that they want to see Mr Major fall. They are, mere picadors: their aim is to wound the Prime Minister, not to kill him. They want to keep him in the ring machine until their man, Michael Portillo, is fit to take over. By weakening Mr Major, they ensure that he feels compelled both to adopt some of their policies and to keep the so-called "bastards" in his Cabinet.

Had the right wanted Mr Major to go, they would have forced a leadership election last autumn, when they were still smarting from their Maastricht wounds. Many considered it, but refrained from doing so because of the likely outcome. They rightly judged Mr Portillo still to be too young; the party was unlikely again to risk giving the job to a man with no experience of running a spending department and little parliamentary track record. Lord Parkinson, one of Mr Portillo's staunchest supporters, still believes his time to be unripe. Any leadership election would have been won by Kenneth Clarke, a man whose Europhilia and social liberalism do not endear him to the right.

So most of Mr Major's outspoken critics would prefer him to stay on to fight (and probably lose) the next general election, by which time Mr Portillo will be old enough and experienced enough to fly their banner. A few dislike Mr Clarke so much that they would rather see a Labour government than a Tory administration led by him. Some simply see opposition as a welcome respite during which the party can cure its governing fatigue.

But the Prime Minister would be unwise to take solace from this. For those who are more likely eventually to topple him — the matadors — are not voicing their unease on *The World at One* or *News at Ten*. There is simply a low murmuring emanating from Westminster, from backbenchers and even a few ministers. And it is MPs in the centre and on the left who are the most dangerous.

They worry not about the Prime Minister's views, but about his competence. They were behind him on Maastricht and have been loyal, at least in public, ever since. But they fear now that he has scant hold over his Cabinet or Government, and his mishandling of "back to basics" has made him a laughing-stock in the country. If the panic of the past three weeks subsides and sensible government resumes, they will give him another chance. If, however, he stumbles from one embarrassment to another for the next few months, they will start to plot against him.

The danger for Mr Major is that these MPs are perfectly comfortable with Mr Clarke as leader. Indeed, to many of them he looks immensely attractive. His ideas are fine and his personality puts Mr Major in the shade. If anyone can restore the Conservatives' popularity, they believe, it is he.

Still the question remains whether the party has the stomach for another leadership contest. At the moment, it does not. But the combination of the April tax rises, the May local elections and the June Euro-elections could throw many Tories into a blind panic. In June, the Liberals may steal a whole swath of southern England from the Conservatives, a feat not seen since the general election of 1906. Any Tory MP with a small majority would then be terrified of losing his seat. In these days of career politics, many MPs have no future in the outside world, no job to which they can return. They literally cannot afford to leave Parliament.

In these circumstances, it is easy to envisage the threat to Mr Major. From the constituencies and the backbenches, the smoking-room and the press would come the thrumming chant: "He's got to go." In 1911, Leo Maxse in the *National Review* coined the slogan "BMG — Balfour must go." He did; and the Tory Party is still capable of such an uprising. Its main preoccupation is holding on to power, and when power is threatened it has the capacity to be remarkably ruthless.

No particular MP needs to wield the knife. If enough of them make it known to the whips that they have lost confidence in the Prime Minister, it is the sorry job of the Chief Whip to relay the news. "All chief whips dread it," one former occupant of the job told me. "But very often it's the Prime Minister's best friend who has to come and say, 'I'm sorry, old boy . . .'"

All this, of course, is but conjecture. Mr Major may get a grip, the economy may blossom, and the May and June election results may be nothing like as bad as feared. In that case, all will be well. But in politics, unlike pantomimes, it is rash to rely upon a happy ending.

Carry on lobbying

AS WESTMINSTER remains gripped by speculation over what was, or was not, said at Gus O'Donnell's leaving do, the position of poor Michael Brunson, ITN's fast-talking political editor, is becoming ever more embarrassing. As the new chairman of the lobby, Brunson's job is to smooth relations between No 10 and the political press corps. Yet wild and unsubstantiated allegations continue in circulation.

Journalists excluded from last Thursday's Downing Street dinner are insinuating that Brunson was overheard saying that Major had told guests that he wanted to "f****** crucify" Cabinet right-wingers — an allegation totally denied by everyone at No 10, from John Major downwards. Brunson, who was seen talking to a *Sun* journalist at the Commons taxi-rank after the dinner, equally denies being the source.

As lobby chairman, Brunson yesterday had to sit through two long interrogations of a rattled O'Donnell by lobby journalists. Informed sources, as they say, relay that both men looked hard-pressed to maintain their customary composure. Brunson was previously embarrassed last year by the fuss after off-the-cuff comments by Major about troublesome "bastards".

And, by one of those little coincidences of political life, as the lobby members dribbled out of No 10 yesterday after the 11 o'clock briefing with O'Donnell, who should they bump into but Chris Meyer, O'Donnell's successor. First to leap on him was Brunson. Only inviting him to lunch.

● *The Queen's fall, thankfully, was not serious but it nevertheless highlights the dangers of royal horse-riding. William of Orange, for instance, died in 1702 from just such a fall, when his horse tripped on a mole-hill in the grounds of Hampton Court. A broken collar-bone gave rise to a lung infection which eventually proved terminal. "Catholics have blessed the little man in brown velvet ever since," says a Hampton Court spokesman — somewhat tactlessly.*

Lords of the dance

TUTUS are twitching backstage at Covent Garden, where a job vacancy has just appeared on the company noticeboard. The advertisement seeks applicants by the end of the month for one of the most important jobs in English ballet: a replacement for Sir Peter Wright, director of the Birmingham Royal Ballet.

Birmingham Royal, which was born out of the old Sadlers Wells company in 1990, refuses to say who it has in mind. But others are less restrained. One possible successor is Jay Jolley, a former principal with the Royal Ballet who now works with the Birmingham as an administrative assistant. Another is David Bintley, who resigned as choreographer of both royal ballet companies but, more recently, is felt to have choreographed his way back into favour.

Maina Gielgud, artistic director of the Australian Ballet, who has lately been experiencing difficulty with rebellious dancers, could seize the chance to return to England. And Galina Samasova, artistic director of the Scottish Ballet, is hotly tipped. But Derek Purnell, administrator of the Birmingham Royal Ballet, is keeping his French chalk dry. "The notices have only just been circulated, but if any of these people applied, they would be strong contenders."

Fair cop

RONNIE BIGGS may have spent too much time in the Brazilian sun. To the surprise of many, the great train robber has come to the conclusion that the 30-year sentence he received for his part in the raid was about right.

In his latest version of events, *Odd Man Out*, published this week, Biggs recalls the reaction to the long custodial term: "Some thought the punishment was too harsh and there were those who thought the 30-year sentences fitted the crime. I am one."

One man more than a little surprised by Biggs's view is Jack Slipper, the retired head of the Flying Squad, who so famously failed in his attempt to get Biggs to return from Brazil. "It's the first time I've heard him say that the sentences were appropriate for the crime. It's very strange."

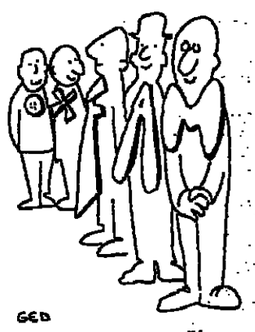
Necks please

LORD McAlpine's rationalisation of his extensive art collection, dubbed "the Cabinet of Curiosities" by Christie's, will leave the former Tory fundraiser with more time and space for his latest collecting passion — ties.

An inveterate collector (he began with police truncheons over 30 years ago), McAlpine keeps his necktie collection in a growing number of boxes at home. But his buying is selective, he says: "I am just interested in the designs. They've got to have a powerful image on them."

McAlpine, however, has no designs upon the garish neckwear of his fellow Garrick members. Local Sue Ryder and Oxfam shops are far more rewarding hunting grounds, he says. "I go round all the old clothes shops. Wherever I am travelling, I go into the second-hand clothes places."

His most treasured example is a tie from the Budweiser brewery showing a team of horses pulling a dray piled with barrels of beer. "And I've also got a Ford spare parts tie too — picked 'em up in America."

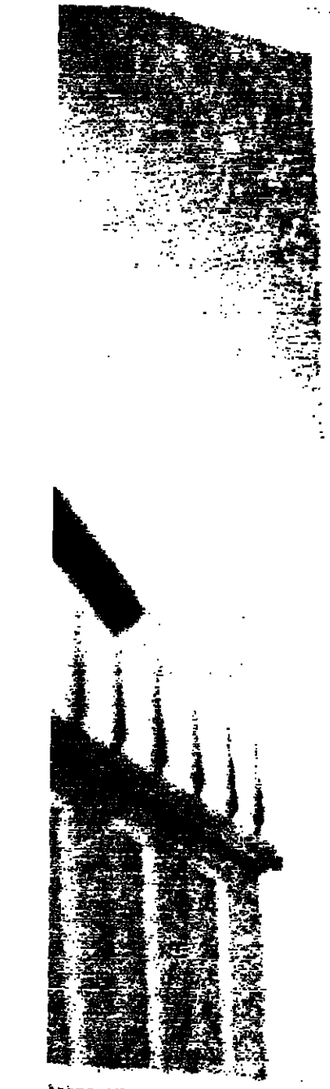


● *It was only a matter of time. The Armathwaite Hall Hotel in Keswick, Cumbria is offering a "return to traditional values" weekend — for married couples only. Old-fashioned luxuries such as freshly ironed morning papers, evening dress codes, old sixpences for tipping and ancient copies of Punch come with a far from traditional price of £155 for a two-day stay.*

Housing ministers

A SELECT band of politicians has been appalled to read scurrilous tales about Teresa Gorman's property deals. For she remains the MPs' favourite landlady.

The effervescent Billericay MP has provided beds (and nothing else) for temporarily homeless MPs in her home in Lord North Street. While some of her tenants share her right-wing views — such as EC-sceptic Sir Teddy Taylor and Employment Minister Michael Forsyth — ideology apparently plays no part in her generosity. The Liberal Democrat MP Menzies Campbell remains good pals with his former landlady. "It was very easy, straightforward — and most convenient for the House."



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THE NEW BRITISHNESS

The nation faces graver threats than cynicism

ohn Major's appearance before the Scott ibunal yesterday was a cruel metaphor for he collective inquisition which has rocked is government in recent weeks. The prime inister's compass continues to swing. It is Michael Portillo, rather than Mr Major, ho has offered the decisive way forward for he Conservatives in the last few days.

The Chief Secretary's speech to the onservative Way Forward group on Friday as both thought-provoking and flawed. he current mood of *national* pessimism, Ir Portillo claimed, was the fault of a liberal ite of "so-called sophisticates" in politics, ademia, journalism and the Church. rom newspaper offices to ivory towers, cynal opinion-formers were denigrating ritain, its achievements and its institutions. his assault on *national* self-confidence, he eclared, was "one of the greatest threats at has ever confronted the British nation".

Mr Portillo has not yet proved himself a opulist. His intent seems so far to be ctical — to forge an alliance of nervous onservative politicians dedicated to the deence of *national morale*: a banner under hich those who believe in national soveignty or moral regeneration can march ith those who support the minimal state. ke Disraeli, Mr Portillo — the son of a panish immigrant — assumes the role of e former outsider who seeks to explain and *form the established* order he has joined.

The thesis that liberal philosophy has used damage to British society is neither w nor contentious. None would deny that wspapers can be irresponsible and can ve insufficient coverage to good news. But, this be a vice, newsapers are far from one in perpetrating it. Many of those most tively denigrating the performance of the tion recently have been Conservative binet *ministers, especially those from Mr* rtillo's own wing of the party.

Nor is it clear that the angry pessimism of e radical right has been politically healthy. One of the most pernicious atures of socialism has been its tendency to ry unpalatable truth in attractive lies: nody could accuse Arthur Scargill of being a pessimist about the future of coal. In contrast, there has always been a robust pessimistic streak within Conservatism which distrusts idealism and allows for the encroachments of human imperfection.

Mr Portillo might reply that contempt for oneself is different from self-criticism; and that Britain, once a nation of confident complacency, has become a nation of self-hatred. There is some truth in this. The difficulty for Mr Portillo is that the Conservative government of the last 14 years cannot escape responsibility for the change. With its ethos of competition and comparison — epitomised by public service league tables — politicians have encouraged citizens to scrutinise the institutions that serve them. The effect is paradoxical. Standards rise, but so too do knowledge, expectations, dissatisfaction and disappointment.

That is not the only paradox. Mr Portillo made a call for the return to hierarchy, drawn from *Troilus and Cressida*: "Take but degree away," he warned, "untune that string. And hark what discord follows". Deference may, indeed, be a fine ideal: society must have a proper grounding in order. But the mediaeval mystery of Shakespeare's chain-of-being cannot be recreated by ministerial fiat. Those who exercise power can no longer claim deference as a right; they must earn respect by their actions and leadership. This, the government has failed to do. Mr Portillo's suggestion that Churchill would be shown little respect today was a mere rhetorical trope.

More substantial was his claim that Britons dimly perceive the strength draining from their nation. Mr Portillo is right that Britain has coped erratically with "the disappointments of peace"; that the movements of political power to Europe has *cultural implications far beyond the narrowly constitutional aspects*; and that we ridicule national institutions such as the monarchy at our peril. The current mood of national self-doubt cannot be addressed without a comprehensive debate on Britishness itself. It is to Mr Portillo's credit that he has made this point at so appropriate a time.

INTO THE UNKNOWN

Signor Ciampi has given Italy a fresh start

the past eight months, as most Italians ntefully acknowledge, Italy has been tter governed than for years. Carlo Azeglio ampi, the former governor of Italy's ntral bank who took over last April as retaker prime minister, has transformed country's electoral and administrative uctures, overhauled its runaway budget d *imposed deep structural reforms*. With ch still to be done to consolidate Italy's ances, reduce its enormous public debt, mantle the corporate state inherited from cism and cope with the resulting unployment, many Italians would like gnor Ciampi to stay in the Palazzo Chigi.

Yet the prime minister and the president, car Luigi Scalfaro, have been right to ist on calling a general election now, ther than wait until midsummer as they re urged by many of Italy's discredited litical old guard. In municipal elections t year, the rotten pillars of the old order, Christian Democrats and the Socialists, lapsed. The March elections are expected sweep away all but a handful of the old nool of politicians, *for the good reason that* ost of them inspire nothing but disgust ong the voters: a third are under investtion for corruption, fraud and worse.

Signor Ciampi's pledge when he took ice in the thick of the corruption scandals eeping every national institution was to rry Italy from the old to the new". With esident Scalfaro's strong support he has t the crossing stones in place, restoring me of the state's lost authority with the ctorate in the process. But only when the ters actually tread them, even if to an ceptionally uncertain future, can Italy rt to become a "normal" democracy.

The new electoral laws are an essential step towards decent government. They largely dispense with a system of proportional representation based on party lists which has given Italy 52 revolving-door coalitions since the war and made for endemic political corruption. In theory, the new constituency-based, first past the post *system will force candidates to campaign on* clear policies, giving voters a real choice, accountable politicians — and a genuine chance to change their governments.

In practice, voters will be confronted by hastily assembled coalitions, of groups rather than fully-fledged parties, whose electoral platforms are temporary, tactical, constructs. Support for the neo-fascists and the separatist Northern League may not hold up in national elections; both are now seeking allies and a less ideological, more workmanlike image. But a centrist challenge has yet to emerge to the "progressive" coalition being forged by the Democratic Party of the Left (PDS), the name Italy's Communists chose when they broke with Marxism in 1991. The centre's best hope may lie with the Pact for Italy proposed by Mario Segni, the former Christian Democrat who led the popular movement for political reform. But it published its programme only last week.

Reform may thus usher into power the party, albeit reborn, which for half a century *Italians were so determined to keep out of* office that, in a famous phrase, they "held their noses and voted Christian Democrat". Achille Occhetto, the PDS leader, talks today rather like Milton Friedman. Italians may soon discover whether he acts as he sounds. If he does not, at least they will be able to vote him out in five years' time.

RECAGING THE ZOO

Other animals can have a useful home in the centre of London

hen a man knows he is to be hanged in a rnight, it is said to concentrate his mind nderfully. Nothing concentrates the surval instinct of an ancient institution more an the prospect of its imminent closure.

Yesterday the *London zoo* started work on e £1 million redevelopment of its children's closure. The original children's enclave, e first such furred and feathered theme rk in the world, was opened in 1938. The rpose was to give city children contact th animals other than humans and their ban pets. *It was the place for them to see* here milk came from, stroke nibbling ats and observe chimpanzees taking tea.

But less than two years ago, the Zoological ciety of London, faced with a deficit of £2 illion, voted to close the whole zoo because falling revenues and rising costs. The vernment, which had come to the rescue 1988 with a final grant of £10 million, said at there would be no more public money. fashionable opinion was abroad that wilde parks, increased affluence and modern staste for caging animals had made the o irrelevant *as well as politically incorrect*. Since then, the zoo has redefined what it is ing, and turned its finances around. From Victorian ambition of being a comprehenve urban menagerie for all the fauna in the rld, it has narrowed its focus to being an ark for endangered species, and a living introduction for children to the wonder of animals. A gift of £1 million from the Emir of Kuwait, and increased gate receipts following the prospect of closure have helped the zoo to climb out of the red. It made a small surplus last year for the first time in 15 years, and expects, at worst, to break even this year. The redevelopment of the children's zoo, started yesterday, financed by a private donation, is the next step in the zoo's revival.

In any modern zoo, there is necessary tension between science and showmanship. In London this has been personalised into a battle between "suits and beards"; the new managers who want to turn a loss-making and old-fashioned enterprise into profit, and the keepers who care for the well-being of their animals. The London zoo's ten-year redevelopment plan, which will cost £21 million, is an enterprising example of institutional evolution. London, which kept one of the first menageries in the world *in its* Tower, needs its zoo even in this age of game parks and wild life films. Education and conservation are more important than ever. So is the opportunity for children to see and touch animals. With good management, lions should still roar in Regent's Park. Wild life, the natural example and contrast for city life, should stay in the heart of London.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Public cynicism on 'back to basics'

From Rabbi Dr Charles H. Middleburgh

Sir, It is an act of breathtaking arrogance, even for Mr Michael Portillo, to blame the mood in the country at present on a "sick elite" of journalists, *academics and clerics (report,* January 15).

I believe that he could hardly be more wrong. In my experience, the pervasive sense of anger, despair and betrayal of which he complains is felt by people at all social levels and in every type of work.

If there is cynicism around, it is merely a reflection of that with which this Government has treated the political process and the electorate who put it into office in the first place.

Yours sincerely,
CHARLES H. MIDDLEBURGH,
326 Preston Road,
Harrow, Middlesex.
January 16.

From Professor Jonathan Shepherd

Sir, The reactions to the murder of the Liverpool toddler, James Bulger, and to the adulterous affair of Tim Yeo are clear examples, if any were needed, of the innate sense of right and wrong among the electors. The national conscience has been pricked by these events.

It is a laudable objective for any government to heed and reinforce this conscience. Public policy will be incoherent and shallow if it takes account only of what is street-wise and economically sound. Indeed, it would be *negligent for our elected representatives* not to express our collective outrage, contrition and fervent determination to put things right.

This is for the good of society, to prevent wrong, whether truancy, violence or adultery, and to ensure that when we go astray, we get the support and rehabilitation we need. Conscience and a moral code go hand in hand and it is hypocritical for citizen or government to deny it.

"Back to basics" may not have been about individual morality in its conception but it certainly is now. The *people will not have it otherwise.*

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN SHEPHERD,
11 Church Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff.
January 16.

From Mr Kenneth Morgan

Sir, Lord St John of Fawsley (letter, January 11) and Peter Riddell (article of the same date) have reminded us aptly of Macaulay's identification of the ridiculous nature of the public's periodical fits of morality. Perhaps the way is now clear to recall another earlier, memorable and relevant aphorism, Cobbett's:

No man has a right to pry into his neighbour's private concerns, and the opinions of *every man are his private concern*, while he keeps them so ... but when he once attempts to make converts, whether it be in religion, politics or anything else, when once he comes forward as a candidate for public admiration, esteem or compassion, his opinions, his principles, his motives, every action of his life, public or private, becomes the fair subject of public discussion.

Macaulay's view of the public's (and the press's) attitude to Byron stands as shrewd and fair. The first part of Cobbett's comment, from *Observations on the Emigration of Dr Priestley*, still offers decent ethical advice to editors; the second a still timely warning to politicians.

Yours etc,
KENNETH MORGAN
(Director, The Press Council, 1980-90),
151 Overhill Road, Dulwich, SE22.
January 11.

From Mrs Guy Gravett

Sir, Whilst all good Christians will support Miss Silvia Pearson's robust affirmation of the value of the Cross (letter, January 14), they and all those of other faiths in this country should note the value of the cross with which we register our vote at the polling booth.

Yours faithfully,
HELEN GRAVETT,
Hope Lodge, Hassocks Road,
Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.

From Dr Laurence Martin

Sir, In your leading article of January 10, "Collective conscience", you say that "the morality or immorality of various sexual acts can be returned to where it belongs: the individual heart".

I *disagree. It is precisely because* morality is now conveniently held by so many to be a personal matter that concepts of right and wrong have ceased to have *meaning as a basis for* sexual or other codes of conduct.

Yours faithfully,
LAURENCE MARTIN,
17 Watery Lane, Merton Park, SW20.
January 10.

From Mr Geof Rayner

Sir, The expression "back to basics" gathers meaning by the day. We now *find that the top industrial sector for* new jobs last year (report, January 11) is "domestic service". Back in the very basic 1920s and 1930s, domestic service was the largest sector of employment. Perhaps we are returning to those days. Is this what the Prime Minister means, or intends?

Yours sincerely,
GEOF RAYNER
(Chair),
The Public Health Alliance,
138 Digbeth, Birmingham 5.

Bryn Melyn help for problem boys

From Mrs Elisabeth Barrett

Sir, I have followed your reporting of the Bryn Melyn community farm controversy with a great deal of concern. I am delighted to read (January 13) that the lad at the heart of it is now back on the farm, instead of in prison, and *with "a new buzz in life". Indeed, how* could it be otherwise?

There was a worrying moment when you reported that Gloucestershire County Council had warned Bryn Melyn to pay more heed to public opinion. Even on the grounds of cost I would query the wisdom of this: public opinion has its insightful moments, but for the past 30 years it has been notoriously wrong-headed on the subject of raising children, let alone on what to do with them if and when they turn out "difficult".

Your earlier report on the boys of Bryn Melyn ("Africa weird and stupid, says youth sent on safari", January 6) made it clear that these are youngsters who come from highly unsatisfactory homes, possibly beaten and abused from babyhood, and with no faith left in human kindness. May I suggest that the authorities, from government down, stick to their principles and leave Bryn Melyn to do what it obviously does superbly well: that is, continue to turn out good, happy, and responsible citizens, and future parents, from apparently hopeless cases, while they, the authorities, concentrate on families — alleviating conditions of stress, educating for *good* parenting, etc.

Too many families are problems themselves; *here* is the root of our problem children. Expensive Bryn Melyn may be, but *it is meeting a* need that should have been recognised years ago — or better still, never been allowed to arise. It is still far less costly (in far more than monetary terms alone) than a life in and out of prison.

In the light of the James Bulger tragedy, *Bryn Melyn is something we* really cannot afford to be without.

Yours sincerely,
ELISABETH BARRETT,
45 Cliff Road, Hornsea, Humberside.

Floods in the South

From Councillor C. J. M. Marshall

Sir, You have published several letters (January 10, 11, 17) about the floods in the South of England. The cause of the initial flooding at Barnham, West Sussex, which created misery for scores of residents was plastic sheeting carried down Lidsey Rife to a key culvert near Barnham station, where *it lodged in a steel grille. The weight* and volume of water prevented its clearance. The effect was immediate and catastrophic.

Should it not be made a serious offence to fail properly to secure plastic sheeting, old fertiliser bags, bins, etc, so that it is less likely that these materials will foul waterways at times of very heavy rainfall?

Yours faithfully,
C. J. M. MARSHALL
(Chairman, Planning and
Housing Committee),
Arun District Council,
The Arun Civic Centre,
Maltravers Road,
Littlehampton, West Sussex.
January 17.

From Mr Graham Setterfield

Sir, The National Rivers Authority has suggested that here in Kent we are short of water (report, January 5). Two letters (January 10) attributed this opinion to my company. The county of *Kent has in recent months "enjoyed"* similar weather to that in the remainder of the country and the recent rain has indeed fallen here. As the principal *water supply company in the* South of England, we are most certainly not suggesting that insufficient rain has fallen on our county.

Our water stocks are excellent, reservoirs are full, leakage is down, investment is up and our water supply position is the best for a decade. I find it insensitive in the extreme for the NRA to suggest that a drought continues when many of our customers are having to dry out their homes after flooding.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM SETTERFIELD
(Deputy Managing Director),
Southern Water Services,
Southern House, Capstone Road,
Chatham, Kent.
January 14.

From Mr P. F. Bentley

Sir, Mr Clive Thomas (letter, January 10) attempts to draw parallels between British Rail's "wrong" type of snow for its trains and the National Rivers Authority's "wrong" type of rain for the drought-stricken aquifers of Kent.

Whilst the former could be re*garded as a design omission, may I* suggest that responsibility for the inadequate permeability of Kent and its failure fully to absorb the recent *deluges lies not with the NRA but with* a much higher Authority.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL BENTLEY,
21 Partridge Drive,
Orpington, Kent.
January 11.

Care of monuments

From Ms Jo Darke

Sir, Alas, Britain has no national guidelines for the proper restoration and maintenance of its monumental art. The artistic value and historical importance of a piece is no guarantee that it will receive appropriate care, *and advice sought from the relevant* experts is not always acted on.

The dilemma which this presents to conservators, particularly of our *largely neglected corpus of metal or* stone public monuments dating from the 19th century, is acute. That is one of the reasons why the Public Monuments *and Sculpture Association is* embarking upon a national recording project to catalogue all public monuments and sculptures in the British Isles. The project committee includes representatives of the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England and of other national and regional institutions.

The project is certain to reveal a great need for an effective conservation policy. Proper restoration will be expensive, but the appropriate approach need not be the most costly; and once a piece is recovered, good husbandry over time reduces the high cost of periodic restoration to minimal annual maintenance costs.

The Albert Memorial is a case in point. We understand that the Budget statement, including a £5 million provision for its restoration over three *years from 1994, is sufficient to revive* the £11 million programme forthwith.

The painstaking consultation work already done, followed by proper recovery and maintenance, should become a model for the nation.

Yours truly,
JO DARKE (Chairholder),
Public Monuments and
Sculpture Association,
72 Lissenden Mansions,
Lissenden Gardens, NW5.

Nut allergies

From Mrs Janet Cook

Sir, You report (January 7) the effects of allergy to peanuts and a call for food contents to be listed. It is not just peanuts that cause violent reactions.

Our daughter, at present at university, causes us constant concern because whilst she can tolerate peanuts and almonds, all other nuts, especially walnuts, produce the same symptoms in her as in peanut-allergy sufferers.

Although she carries a throat spray, we live in fear that one day she might unknowingly eat something which would not be thought to contain nuts but which could prove fatal to her.

The campaign to seek food labelling should not be restricted to peanuts.

Yours faithfully,
JANET COOK,
48 Woodcote Green Road,
Epsom, Surrey.
January 7.

Car boot sales

From Mr Kenneth Rubens

Sir, Mr Simon Wood's suggestion (letter, January 13) that the police preview *exhibits at car boot sales is not so far*-fetched. In France, even at small jumble sales, by law all stall-holders have to submit to the local police a list of every item being displayed for sale. This is followed up by a visit to all the stalls by a local policeman in order to check that stolen goods are not being offered for sale.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH RUBENS,
104 Wigmore Street, W1.
January 13.

Bodybelt restraints

From Mrs Barbara Roche, MP for Hornsey and Wood Green (Labour)

Sir, As your item "Gardner death ends gagging of deportees" (report and illustration, January 13) makes clear, this tragic incident will unfortunately not end the use of the kind of bodybelt you depict.

My constituent, Joy Gardner, was alone with her young son when police and immigration officers arrived early in the morning to attempt to deport her.

By 9am, after they had used a gag and bodybelt on her, she was in a local hospital. She never regained consciousness.

It is of course good news that gagging has now been banned by the Home Office. But bodybelts — reminiscent of the instruments of slavery — *are inhuman and should also be* banned. In answer to a parliamentary question the Home Office minister, Charles Wardle, told me yesterday *that bodybelts were not used in any* police station last year.

If police officers can deal with violent criminals without the use of these abhorrent devices I see no reason why deportees should be treated any less humanely.

Yours sincerely,
BARBARA ROCHE,
House of Commons.
January 13.

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Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

Police Bill 'threat to democracy'

From Sir John Smith, President of the Association of Chief Police Officers

Sir, On Tuesday, January 18, the House of Lords begins debating the Police and Magistrates' Courts Bill, which, if implemented, threatens to *undermine the nature of policing as a* locally delivered service. Its apolitical status and links with local democracy are mainstays which legitimise our role. *Severing those ties would be*, constitutionally, an extremely dangerous step.

The Bill proposes to allow the Home Secretary to appoint almost a third of the members of a police authority, as well as the chairman or woman. This provides government with the power to exercise control over the police.

Depleting the elected membership of police authorities means fewer representatives will be forced through the ballot box to be sensitive and sympathetic to local people's needs. Dictation from Whitehall, whether direct or indirect, could lead to the present strength of policing being heavily compromised.

Serious concerns aroused by the Bill's constitutional implications are not, I believe, intended by the Government. British policing is a paradigm admired across the globe and we change it at our peril.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN SMITH,
President,
Association of Chief Police Officers,
New Scotland Yard, Broadway, SW1.
January 14.

Flywheel car dangers

From Eur Ing Francis O. J. Otway

Sir, Your technology correspondent is clearly impressed by the flywheel battery-driven AFS20 car unveiled at the Los Angeles Auto Show — "an electric car that may break the dominance of the internal combustion engine" (report, January 3).

Two questions need to be answered about this very interesting development, however.

What happens to the energy stored as inertia in the flywheel if the car should be involved in an accident *where the flywheel casing has been* damaged? And what is the effect of gyroscopic forces on the car, arising from the flywheel, if the car should be involved in a tight voluntary or involuntary turn?

Yours faithfully,
FRANCIS O. J. OTWAY,
Corvara, Cotswold Mead,
Painswick, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
January 3.

School discipline

From Mr M. G. Fischer

Sir, I look forward to receiving the Secretary of State's new advice on dis*cipline in schools (report, January 5)*, and understand that it is concentrated into just over 200 pages. Five years ago his predecessor, Kenneth Baker, sent the 292-page Elton report, "Discipline in Schools", into all schools in England and Wales.

It prompted me to read again the "Rules for the Better Management of the Charity School in Dover" dated July 1789, of which this school is the successor, and found that the rules for the punishment and expulsion of children take up just over 200 *words*.

Yours respectfully,
MICHAEL FISCHER
(Head Teacher),
St Mary's C of E Primary School,
Laureston Place, Dover, Kent.
January 5.

Classics that sell

From Sir Bryan Askew

Sir, Whilst agreeing with Stephen Abrams (letter, January 12) about being irritated by the advertisements on Classic FM, I would not accept that they should be read by staff announcers. If so, the brilliant West Indies Tourist Board advertisement featuring the late Brian Johnston would have been denied to us.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN ASKEW,
27 Golf Links Avenue,
Tadcaster, North Yorkshire.

Person in the street

From Mr Nicholas Bacon

Sir, Instead of "the man on the Clapham *omnibus" (letters, January 6, 12)*, soon we may all be saying: "The man on the Channel shuttle" — or even: *"L'homme qui voyage dans le train sous la Manche."*

Yours faithfully,
N. M. BACON,
East Cote, East Street,
Wivenhoe, Colchester, Essex.
January 12.

From Mrs G. M. McKinley

Sir, Perhaps these days "person in the street" should be taken a little more literally — "the person *in the* cardboard box on the Embankment", for example?

Yours faithfully,
GILLIAN McKINLEY,
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Stechford, Birmingham 33.
January 12.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK

January 17: By command of The Queen, Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Bt (Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Oxfordshire) was present at Royal Air Force Brize Norton this afternoon upon the Departure of The King and Queen of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and bade farewell to Their Majesties on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

January 27: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Irish Regiment, this afternoon received Lieutenant Colonel Philip Baxter upon assuming his appointment as Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion.

Afterwards The Duke of York received Lieutenant Colonel Charles Thom upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer, 8th Battalion, and Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Hodgson upon assuming the appointment.

Subsequently His Royal Highness received Lieutenant Colonel Edward Glover upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer, 4/5 Rangers, and Lieutenant Colonel Hugh Sturgeon upon assuming the appointment.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

January 17: The Prince Edward, President, the Lord's Taverners, this evening attended the Umpires' Dinner at the London Hilton, Park Lane, London W1.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

January 17: The Prince of Wales, Honorary Commodore, HM Coastguard Service, this afternoon visited the Aberdeen Coastguard, Blaikies Quay, Aberdeen, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Aberdeen (Mr James Wyness, the Lord Provost).

Commander Robert Fraser RN was in attendanne.

Birthdays

Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Commonwealth Secretary-General, 61; Air Marshal Sir Alfred Ball, 73; Mr Robert Banks, MP, 57; Mr Peter Beardsley, footballer, 33; Dr David Bellamy, botanist, writer and broadcaster, 61; Mr John Boorman, film director, 61; Mr Raymond Briggs, illustrator, 60; Professor M.J. Brown, clinical pharmacologist, 43; Mr David Burke, chief constable, North Yorkshire, 55; Mr J.R. Carr, former chairman, Countryside Commission of Scotland, 67; Mr Kevin Costner, actor, 39; Mr Richard Dunwoody, jockey, 30; Mr Christian Fittipaldi, racing driver, 23; the Hon Rocco Forte, chairman, Forte, 49; Sir William Goodhart, QC, 61; Mr D.J. Grant, Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, 72; Mr James Hann, chairman, Scottish Nuclear, 61; Sir William Harding, diplomat, 67; Mr Robert Hicks, MP, 56; Sir Terence Higgins, MP, 66; Mr John Hougham, chairman, ACAS, 57; Mr David Howell, MP, 58; Mr John Hume, MP, 57; Mr Edward James, diplomat, 77; Dame Jennifer Jenkins, former chairman, National Trust, 73; Air Marshal Sir Laurence Jones, 61; Mr Paul Keating, Prime Minister of Australia, 50; Mr Martin Laing, chairman, John Laing, 52; Sir Godfray Le Quesne, QC, former chairman, Monopolies and Mergers Commission, 70; Sir Peter Preston, civil servant, 72; Mr Arnold Cantwell Smith, CH, former Commonwealth Secretary-General, 79; Sir Michael Stewart, diplomat, 83; Sir Nigel Strutt, former deputy chairman, Strutt and Parker (Farms), 78; Sir Walter Verco, former secretary, Order of the Garter, 87; Sir Ralph Verney, landowner, 79; Sir Clive Whitmore, civil servant, 59.

Institute of Biology

The following have been elected to Fellowship and are permitted to use the designatory letters CBiol FIBiol:

Dr J L Bidwell, Dr A J Higgins, Mr R H K Mann, Professor A S Nash, Dr D R Owens, Dr D C Salter, Dr A R Thompson, Mr T J Turvey, Dr M R Young.

Appointment

Mr Robin Christopher to be Ambassador to Ethiopia in succession to Mr M J C Glaze who will be retiring. Mr Christopher will also be Ambassador (non-resident) to Djibouti in succession to Mr R D Gordon, Ambassador at Sana'a.

Appointments in the Forces

The Army

BRIGADIER: D G Sharp - to be Comd Avn HQ UKLF, 19.1.94.

COLONEL: C R Elderton - to MOD 17.1.94.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: A G R Carroll RTR - to BMM Sang Saudi Arabia, 20.1.94; M J P Collins R Signals - to Bit Kuwait 19.1.94; J G T Dewar PWRR - To HQ RAO, 18.1.94; N R Drayton REME - To be CO 102 Bn REME (v), 21.1.94; R Elliot RLC - to UNHCR Zagreb, 17.1.94; R T Hoole R Signals - To MOD, 17.1.94; P W L Hughes PWRR - To UK Del & Sp Unit AFCENT, 17.1.94; K I F Lambe REME - To REME MRO, 17.1.94; P R Searle RE (Svy) - To HQ RAO, 18.1.94; A J N Simkins AAC - to HQ EDIST, 17.1.94; C E M Snagge RGJ - To Staff Coll, 18.1.94; R E P Spencer AGC (ALS) - To HQ BFHK, 18.1.94; R M Thornely QRH - To Herford Garr, 17.1.94; N M M Buchanan RAMC - To Def Sves Med Rehab Unit, 19.1.94.

Royal Air Force

GROUP CAPTAIN: P A Robinson - To HQ 2 Gp 14.1.94; R J Sturman - To LATCC (Mil) RAF West Drayton 14.1.94; C Davison - To HQRAFSC 14.1.94; P Whalley - To MOD 14.1.94.

WING COMMANDER: T L Boyle - To 14 SQN Bruggen 4.1.94; D A Spilsbury - To DA Prague 4.1.94; D J Ford - To JMCC St Mawgan 4.1.94; K F G Miles - To MOD AFD/DAFD 4.1.94; M Rodgers - To D of R&S 4.1.94; R E Nickson - To HQSTC 4.1.94; B A Cornwell - To Chief Ops Iukadge 10.1.94; T Almond - To MOD ACDS OR (Air) 10.1 94; E S Brown - To DS Bracknell 10.1.94; A Vass - To SOI Brockzetel 10.1.94; R B Hodgson - To Exchanges USA 11.1.94; DNH Stone - To RAF Brize Norton 16.1.94.



ROBIN MAYES

The Rev Malcolm Macnaughton, vicar of St John's, Hoxton, and, above him, the vast restored Edwardian ceiling painting of the Apocalypse

St John's lives on, restored to its former glory

PARISHIONERS of St John's, Hoxton, in Shoreditch, east London, are celebrating the restoration of their church which three years ago was threatened with closure and even demolition (Marcus Binney writes). "The ceiling was about to collapse on our heads and we could only worship under the balcony," said the vicar, the Rev Malcolm Macnaughton. English Heritage has so far contributed £310,000 to the work, much of it to the conservation of a vast Edwardian ceiling painting of the Apocalypse.

Nineteenth century churches in the East End are mostly in Gothic style but St John's is a grand classical building with a great portico designed in 1824 by Francis Edwards, a pupil of Sir John Soane. It stands in a churchyard laid out as an attractive garden in the 1870s.

Mr Macnaughton said: "We are determined to put the church to a whole range of community uses including a centre for families under stress." Morning service on Sunday was followed by a baptism and a wedding — the first for eight years.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Louis de Secondat, Baron de Montesquieu, philosopher, Bordeaux, 1689; Joseph Farwell Glidden, farmer, inventor of barbed wire, 1813; Sir Edward Frankland, chemist, Churchtown, Lancashire, 1825; Alexis Chabrier, composer, Amert, France, 1841; Matthew Webb, 1st English Channel swimmer, Dawley, Shropshire, 1848; Rubén Darió, poet, Metapa, Nicaragua, 1867; A.A. Milne, children's writer and dramatist, London, 1882; Antoine Pevsner, sculptor, Orël, Russia, 1886; Cary Grant, actor, Bristol, 1904; Danny Kaye, actor, Brooklyn, 1913.

DEATHS: Jan van Riebeck, surgeon and founder of Cape Town, Djakarta, Indonesia, 1677; Sir John Pringle, physician and President of the Royal Society 1772, London, 1782; John Tyler, 10th American President 1841-45, Richmond, Virginia, 1862; Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton, novelist and politician, Torquay, 1873; Rudyard Kipling, first British writer to be awarded the Nobel prize for literature, 1907, London, 1936; Sir Cecil Beaton, photographer, Broad Chalke, Wiltshire, 1980.

Captain Cook discovered the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii), 1778.

William of Prussia was proclaimed as the 1st German Emperor, 1871.

Captain Robert Scott and his expedition arrived at the South Pole, 1912.

The Versailles Peace conference opened, 1919.

Conservationists unite to fight river barrage

BY JOHN YOUNG

A BROAD alliance of environmental and recreational groups will join the National Rivers Authority in opposing a barrage across the river Usk, in south Wales, at a public enquiry which begins today.

The World Wide Fund for Nature, the Countryside Council for Wales, the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales and Friends of the Earth believe that the barrage will destroy the character of one of the country's most important rivers with few compensating economic benefits.

A Bill promoting a similar scheme was withdrawn in October 1992 after strong opposition in the Lords. At that time the NRA, supported by the Salmon and Trout Association and other fishing interests, claimed that it would present a severe physical barrier to migratory fish like salmon and sea trout.

But both Newport Borough Council and Gwent County Council insist that maintaining a constant water level in the lower reaches of the river will assist economic development and encourage the regeneration of derelict riverside sites. Like all the rivers which empty into the Bristol Channel, the Usk is affected by one of the highest tidal ranges in the world, which at low water uncovers an expanse of unsightly mudflats.

Dr Neil Caldwell, director of the CPRW, said yesterday that the barrage would turn a remarkable habitat, supporting several rare species of fish, into a second-rate boating lake and would hamper efforts by otters to recolonise the area. It would not create the "attractive riverside environment" sought by the council or enable Newport to compete with the far larger Cardiff Bay development near by.

Luncheon

London Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, was the principal guest at luncheon given yesterday at 33 Queen Street by Mr Brian Harris, President of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

School news

The Octagon Co-educational Preparatory School, Chelsea

The Octagon Co-educational Preparatory School, Chelsea, opens today for its inaugural term. Half-term will be from February 21-25 and term will end on March 30. Open Days for prospective parents will be held on February 12 and March 5. Professor Joan Freeman has been elected Chairman of the School Governing Board. Further information is available from the School Secretary, telephone: 071 351 4142.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of York will visit Cottesmore St Mary's Primary School, Hove, East Sussex, at 10.30.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Spinal Injuries Association, will participate in the UK Oil and Gas Industry quiz evening at Grosvenor House at 7.30.

The Duchess of Kent will visit Lane Cottage community home for children at Green Lane, Walton on the Naze, Essex, at 10.35; will visit Acorn Village, Clacton Road, Manningtree, at 11.45; will open the Lordship Science Centre at Writtle Agricultural College, Chelmsford, at 2.00; and, as patron, will attend a dinner at the House of Lords at 7.30 in aid of the Epilepsy Research Foundation.

Dinners

Association of Anaesthetists

The dinner of the Winter Scientific Meeting of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland was held on Friday, January 14, at the Café Royal, Regent Street, London. The President of the Association of Anaesthetists, Dr W.R. MacRae, and Mrs MacRae, welcomed the guests who included:

Sir Donald and Lady Campbell, Sir Cecil and Lady Clothier, Sir Robert and Lady Kilpatrick, Sir Duncan and Lady Nicholl, Sir Keith and Lady Sykes, Professor and Mrs N Browse, Dr and Mrs K C Calman, Ms Libby Campbell, Professor and Mrs R S J Clarke, Professor and Mrs M F M James, Professor and Mrs W Ilias, Professor and Mrs A Johnson, Professor and Mrs J W Van Kleef, Dr T Lang-Jensen, Mr and Mrs G Littlewood, Dr A Macara, Dr and Mrs J F Nunn, Mr and Mrs J Wyn Owen, Professor N Strintzi-Paschalaki, Professor and Mrs M D Rawlins, Professor and Mrs M Rosen, Professor and Mrs A A Spence.

Chatham Dining Club

Mr Tristram Ricketts was the principal guest at a dinner of the Chatham Dining Club held last night at the St Ermin's Hotel. Mr Alastair Garrow was in the chair.

Mr Johan Jörgen Holst

A book of condolence on the death of Mr Johan Jörgen Holst will be open at the Norwegian Embassy, 25 Belgrave Square, London, SW1, on January 18 and 19 from 10am to 1pm and from 2pm to 4pm and on January 20 from 10am to 1pm.

Forthcoming marriages

Lieutenant A.T. Aplin, RN, and Miss D.A. Benrose

The engagement is announced between Adrian, only son of Captain and Mrs T.S. Aplin, of Great Bentley, Essex, and Deborah, only daughter of Mr B.J. Benrose, of Stroud, Gloucestershire, and Mrs J.E. Benrose, of Bampton, Devon.

Mr R. Armstrong and Miss J. Pearson

The engagement is announced between Robert, youngest son of Mr and Mrs L.G. Armstrong, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D.N. Pearson, of Little Walden, Essex.

Mr R.A. Byk and Miss C.C. Forestier-Walker

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs P.H.J. Byk, of Bickley, Kent, and Camilla, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.C. Forestier-Walker, of Chieveley, Berkshire.

Lieutenant R.T. Colquhoun, RN, and Miss H.L. Frost

The engagement is announced between Rodger Thompson, son of Mr and Mrs R.L. Colquhoun, of Winnersh, Berkshire, and Helen Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D.C. Frost, of Comptons, Farnham, Surrey.

Mr W.M.A. Foulds and Miss S.K. Lock

The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr Jon Foulds and Mrs Berry Foulds, and Siân, eldest daughter of Mr Graham Lock and Mrs Janice Lock.

Mr R.J.A. Gale and Miss R.D. Emery

The engagement is announced between Rupert, second son of Mr and Mrs R.I. Gale, of Arundel, Sussex, and Rachael, only daughter of Mr and Mrs S.J. Emery, of Charing, Kent.

Mr A.K. Maitland and Miss H.C. Gunther

The engagement is announced between Angus, youngest son of Mr and the Hon Mrs John Maitland, of Stancombe, Gloucestershire, and Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Gunther, of Fulham, London.

Mr N.T.J. Reid and Miss A.L.C. Marsh

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Professor and Mrs Walter Reid, of Wimbledon, and Annabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Marsh, of Walton on the Hill, Surrey.

Mr M.A.L. Robb and Miss G.A. Davis

Mr and Mrs George Davis, of Latimer, Buckinghamshire, are pleased to announce the engagement of their only daughter Georgina Alison, to Martin, the youngest son of Mr and Mrs John L. Robb, of Northwood, Middlesex.

Mr R.J. Saunders and Miss E.C. Johnson

The engagement is announced between Robin Jeffrey, son of Mr J. Saunders and Mrs P. Myhill, of Lowestoft, and Emily Coventry, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.C. Johnson, of East Cliff Cottage, Marazion.

Mr C.P. Stratford and Miss E.C. Pegrum

The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.C. Stratford, of Cranleigh, Surrey, and Emma, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M.B. Pegrum, of Godalming, Surrey.

Mr S.D. Tilley and Miss J. de Havas

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs David Tilley, of Woldingham, Surrey, and Jacqueline, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. de Havas, of Colemans Hatch, Sussex.

Mr A.N. Whalley and Miss M-L. McCarthy

The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Whalley, of Newnham, Hertfordshire, and Mary-Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael McCarthy, of Reigate, Surrey.

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Dear friend, follow good examples, not bad ones The well-doer is a child of God the evildoer has never seen God.
3 John v.11 (RSV)

BIRTHS

ALLEN - On January 14th at 5.30 am (Australian time), to Lesley and Mark, a beautiful daughter, Sophie.

ARMITAGE - On 3rd January 1994, to Philippa (née Grant) and Michael, a daughter, Georgia Mary Blaine, a sister for Charles and Augusta.

BERKO - On Friday 7th January at The Portland Hospital, to Carole (née Simons) and David, a son, Cameron Lloyd, a brother for Dominic.

CUNNINGHAM - On 12th December, to Andrew and Alexandra (née Lack), a girl, Henrietta.

DARBY - On 11th January 1994, to Marissa and Simon, a daughter, a sister to Alexander and Sebastian.

DARBY - On 13th January 1994, to Annabella and James, a son, Joshua.

DARTMOUTH - On 13th January at 6.51 pm, to Katherine (née Stuart) and Matthew, a son, John Matthew.

DE BARZIE LAMPARD - On January 14th, to Duncan and Jo, a handsome son, Bartholomew, a brother for Clementine.

de STYBECEA - On January 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Jilly (née Anderson) and Michael, a daughter, Victoria Ecaterine Olivia and a son, Alexander Victor Ionel.

EDWARD - On 15th January, to Caroline (née Gee) and William, a daughter, Rosanna Sophia, a sister for Olivia and Flora.

EISENHARDT - On 13th January, to Valerie (née Black) and Peter, a son, Maximilian Charles.

FARR - On 13th January at The Border General Hospital to Jane (née Lachlan) and George, a daughter.

GOLDEN - On 15th January 1994, to Claudia (née Barnard) and Jonathan, a daughter, Louisa Flora.

HARBORD - On January 14th, in London, to Robert and Clare (née Petre Hornsby), a son, Charles Edward Ralph, a brother for Harry.

HAYWARD - On 14th January, to Rachel (née Sizen) and Toby, a daughter, Daisy, a sister for Barnaby.

JENNINGS - On January 17th at Beverley Westwood Hospital, to Nicholas and Anne (née Clark), a son, Philip William Arthur, a brother for Thomas.

LETCHER - On 8th January, in St Julien-en-Genevois, to Martine (née Simon) and Piers, a son, Brice Simon Peter.

LEVIN - On January 13th at the Wellington Hospital, to Debra and Larry, a beautiful daughter, a sister for Natasha.

LOS - On January 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Amanda (née Jensen) and Arjen, a daughter, Anneke Iolanthe Elizabeth.

MILLS - On January 14th 1994, to Laura and Chris, a daughter, Claudia Kathleen, a sister for Lois.

MURRAY BROWN - On January 11th 1994, to Valli (née Watson) and John, a son Charles Louis Constantine.

PRINGLE - On 13th January, to Pamela and Simon, a daughter, Siena Evangeline.

SCHOFIELD - On 14th January in Nairobi Hospital (Kenya), to Maureen (née O'Brien) and James, a son, Hugh John McMichael.

SIMMONDS-GOODING - On January 15th 1994, to Nicky (née Fairn) and Rupert, a son, Thomas James.

SPENCER - To Daren and Adrienne, a daughter, Alice Kate, a sister to Emily Jane, second granddaughter to Eileen and Roger, born at St Cross Hospital, Rugby, Sunday 16th January.

THOMPSON - On 8th January, to Jane (née Blumberg) and Mark, a daughter, Emilie Grainne Corduff, a sister for Caleb.

WHARTON - On January 15th, to Nichola (née Clutterbuck) and Geoffrey, a son, Matthew Harry.

WHITTAKER - On 14th January 1994, to Ann (née Wright) and Andrew, a son, Charles Frederick.

WILLIAMS-ELLIS - On 16th January 1994, to Serena and David, a daughter.

WILSON - On 15th January 1994, to Roger and Gill, a boy, Luke Leonard Wilson.

YAMIN - Joseph - January 15th at The Portland Hospital, a beautiful daughter, Yael Rebecca born to Michèle and David, a sister for Daniel.

DEATHS

APPLETON - On 15th January 1994, suddenly at Bergerac, France, Carol, beloved wife of Douglas. No flowers or donations by request. Cremation 3.30 pm on Monday 24th January at Bordeaux Crematorium. Enquiries to John Owen Solicitors tel: (0568) 822216.

BOBROFF - S. (Bob) passed away peacefully on 15th January after a short illness. Deeply mourned and loved by his only brother, Ben, sister-in-law Edna, their children Paul and Janice, Carole and Jeff and their families. May his dear soul rest in peace.

BRANNIGAN SCLINGO - Sheila died 4th January this new year. From over the ocean let us join voice evoking memory. Kyra Carbonell, Sophia Bisiliat, Jean-Pierre Bisiliat, her grandchildren, Nicholas Carbonell France, Julia and Jacques Aledo Bisiliat Belucci, her great-grandchildren, Maaren Bisiliat her daughter with endless love.

BURLEY - On January 16th peacefully, Aphra Constance Rowland, aged 86. Beloved wife of the late Henry Arthur and most devoted mother of Rowland. Funeral at Woodcote Grove House Chapel, Coulsdon, on Thursday January 20th at 2.45 pm. Enquiries (0491) 576892.

CAMERON - On 31st December 1993, suddenly at Spearywell Farmhouse, Mottisfont, Anne Lysbeth (née Amadeo). Private cremation took place on 13th January 1994. She will be sadly missed.

CAREY-FOSTER - On January 14th, Group Captain George Arthur GMC; DFC; AFC; beloved husband of Peggy, father of Sarah; grandfather and great-grandfather. Family flowers only. Donations in his memory to: Friends of Home Physiotherapy Service (Sussex) to R. Butler & Sons, 5A Station Road, Hailsham, East Sussex. Funeral at St Wilfrid's Church, Hailsham, on Monday January 24th 11am.

CAVELL - On January 15th, Corry, devoted husband of Mary for 63 years. Beloved father of Anne, Elizabeth, Jane and Bridget. An inspiration to his 10 grandchildren. Family funeral January 24th at Windermere 11.45 am. Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Uppingham, date to be announced later. No flowers.

CLOUDSLEY - Elizabeth M. On 13th January 1994, peacefully, aged 80 years, retired State Enrolled Nurse. Daughter of Captain and Mrs Cloudsley, late of Reigate, much loved sister of Anne (Cloudsley-Thompson) and Annabella (Ellison).

COULTAS - Cynthia, passed away 16th January 1994, formerly of Anerley Hall. Funeral Service and cremation at Mansfield Crematorium, Thursday 20th January at 10 am. Family flowers only by request. Any donations in lieu of flowers, for Cancer Research to W. Bezon Ltd., Portland Road, Hucknall, Nottingham tel: (0602) 680884.

CRAMPTON - On January 14th, peacefully at Dukes Court, Carlene "Kit", musician and conductor and a much loved cousin. Funeral January 24th at Dulas Church at 11.30 am followed by cremation at Hereford at 12.30 pm.

DA SILVA - Vera da Silva peacefully in his sleep in Bournemouth on January 12th 1994. Lawyer and musician, sadly missed by his devoted wife Edna and loving children, Lalla, David and Maia. The memory of Vere will long remain with his many friends both for his professional flair and integrity, and his enthusiastic approach to life.

DELANY - Elizabeth. On January 16th, peacefully at home. Wife of Paddy, loved mother and grandmother. Funeral at St Nicholas Church, Bathampton, on Thursday January 20th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations for MacMillan Nurses c/o W.F. Dolman and Son, 9 Walcot Terrace, Bath.

ELLIS - On 15th January 1994, peacefully in Petersfield, Bettina Mary Williams-Vaughan, widow of Rev. Edmund M. Ellis. Service and interment of ashes at St John's Church, Langrish, Hampshire, at 12 noon on Tuesday 25th January. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Arthritis Care, 18 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2HD.

FAIRLEY - On Friday January 14th accidentally at home in Millhurst, Joann Elizabeth, loved sister to Robert Cameron, aunt and great-aunt to many Cameron Nimmos and Agnews. Cremation at Guildford Crematorium on Friday 21st January at 3 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund, enquiries and donations to L.P. Linfoot & Son, Funeral Directors, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex tel: 0730 813264.

GEDDES - On 14th January 1994 peacefully after a short illness, Molt (née Stirling). Funeral on Monday 24th January at Holy Trinity Church, Seer Green, at 2.30 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Grinsteads (0494) 672668.

HANNAM - Mary Helen, beloved wife of David, late WRNS and Red Cross, at Wincanton on 14th January 1994, after an illness borne with the greatest courage.

HARRISON - Joanne. Very peacefully on 15th January 1994 after several years of frail health. Devotedly cared for by her companion Mary for 40 years and latterly by the Ridgeway Nursing Home, Radlett, Herts. Formerly Headmistress of Penrhos School for Girls and Eothen School, Caterham and much loved by her many friends and ex-pupils. Cremation on Friday 21st January at West Herts Crematorium, nr. Watford, Herts. at 9.15 am. Flowers to C.A. Nethercott & Son Ltd., 20 Aldenham Road, Radlett, Herts. by 4 pm Thursday 20th January or if desired, donations to Save the Children Fund c/o C.A. Nethercott & Son Ltd.

HARTLEY - On Sunday 16th January, peacefully at home, Camilla, aged 55, beloved daughter of Richard and Rusty Hartley and sister of Michael and Nicoline. Funeral Service at Cubert Parish Church, 11 am on Friday 21st January. Family flowers only, donations if wished to CLIC.

HINCHCLIFFE - On January 15th aged 86 years, Denton, husband of the late Mary, father of Roger and Irene. Service at Cubert Parish Church on Friday January 21st at 12 noon. No flowers, donations to church funds if desired.

JONES - Mostyn Gwynne, husband of Mary. On Sunday 16th January peacefully. Funeral to take place at Woodham Church, Woking, at 2.30 pm on Thursday 20th January. Family flowers only.

LAING - John Farquhar Ogilvie of New Dover Road, Canterbury, died January 14th. Beloved husband of Ida, formerly of The Duck Inn, Pett Bottom, near Canterbury. Funeral Service at St Mary Bredin Church, Old Dover Road, Canterbury on Friday January 21st at 11am followed by private Interment. Family flowers only. Donations to The Cricket Youth Trust c/o Mr Terry Hall, Administration Manager, National Westminster Bank, Tunbridge Wells Business Centre, 99 Mount Pleasant Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1PX.

MACKEAN - On January 17th peacefully in Winchester Parkrick Nursing Home, Richard Mackean aged 66. Much loved by his family and many friends. Private family funeral. Service of Thanksgiving to be announced later. Donations in his memory may be sent to M.I.N.D. c/o Jay, Steel and Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

MACPHAIL - Diana. On 15th January 1994, after a short illness aged 80 years. Funeral service at Drumelzier Church, by Peebles on Friday 21st January at noon. Retiring collection for charity in lieu of flowers.

MAITLAND - On January 14th, suddenly at Burnside, Forfar, Sir Richard, Bt, beloved husband of Carine, devoted father of Alice and Charlie and loving son of Lavender. Funeral arrangements to be announced.

MERRIFIELD - On January 12th 1994, peacefully, Mary (née Purchase) aged 61, much loved wife of Peter, mother of Carolyn, Robert, Susanna and David, and proud grandmother. Cremation private. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at St Andrew's Church, Cobham, Surrey at 1 pm on Friday, January 28th. No flowers please, donations if desired to Friends of Cobham Cottage Hospital.

MILES - On January 16th 1994, peacefully at The Old Rectory, Ickham, Arthur Frederick, aged 78 years. Funeral Service to be held at Barham Crematorium, near Canterbury, Kent, on Thursday January 20th at 12.30 pm.

MILLARD - On 13th January 1994, Mr Reg Millard M.B.E. D.C.M. M.S.M., formerly Regimental Sergeant Major 5th Regiment Royal Horse Artillery. A dearly loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Brookwood Crematorium on Friday 21st January at 12.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to G. Bonfield & Son Limited, Directors, Amptwade House, High Road, Byfleet, Surrey, or if desired donations to The Sam Beare Ward, Weybridge Hospital, Surrey.

MOIR - On the morning of Wednesday January 12th 1994 after a long illness borne with courage and great good humour, aged 76 years, Colonel Philip Henry (R.A. - Retired) O.B.E., M.C. (Alwyn known as Paul). Devoted husband of the late Joan Moir, he will be greatly mourned by his family, his many friends and his dog Benjie. Cremation service will be held on Tuesday January 25th at 11 am at St John's Crematorium, Woking. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o F. Harrison and Son, 40 Harvest Road, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey TW20 0QT.

MORRO - Mary Katharine (née Lamseon), elder daughter of the late Lord Killearn, widow of Lt. Col. Sandie Monro, died peacefully on 15th January 1994, aged 78 years. Beloved mother and grandmother. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at the Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh, at 12 noon on Wednesday 19th January. No flowers, but donations to BACUP (Cancer Charity), 3 Bath Place, Rivington St., London EC2A 3JR. Service of interment of ashes at Urray Church, Easter Ross, later.

O'KEEFFE - Peacefully on January 11th 1994, Timothy (publisher). Much loved and missed husband, father, grandfather and brother. Funeral 28th January at 3.45 pm Falconwood Crematorium.

PALMER - On 12th January after a brave fight against cancer, Derek Howard Palmer beloved husband and father. Cremation at Hereford 10 am 19th January. Family flowers only. Donations to Salvation Army.

PARE - On January 13th peacefully in Worthing Hospital, Harold Edwin, aged 90 years. Author of "School Mathematics". Husband of "Derrick". Funeral Service at 2.15 pm on Tuesday January 25th at St Andrew's Church, Ferring, Worthing. Family flowers only please, but donations would be welcomed for "Crisis" c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd., 259 Goring Road, Goring, Worthing. tel: (0903) 245915.

PEROWNE - On 15th January 1994, peacefully in Norwich, Agatha Violet, widow of Sir Victor Perowne KCMG, greatly loved by John, Elizabeth, Anastasia, Clementine and Matthew. Funeral on January 22nd at St Peter's, Brunerton at 2pm, followed by cremation. No flowers please but donations if desired to the Woodland Trust (Reg Charity No. 294344) c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich, NR2 2PE.

PINGREE - William (Bill) Pingree. Beloved husband of Jeanne. Suddenly near his home in Buckhurst Hill, Essex, on January 16th. Funeral at The City of London Crematorium, Manor Park, E12, on Friday January 21st at 4.10 pm. No flowers please, donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation.

PLEWES - On 16th January 1994, peacefully at Briarwood Nursing Home, Whitehaven, Dan, aged 90 years, of Holmrook. Dearly loved husband of Jessie and a dear father of Janet, Ian and Edward, also a much loved grandfather of Andrew. Funeral Service will be held at Nether Wasdale Church on Thursday 20th January at 1 pm followed by interment in Nether Wasdale Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Seascale Surgery c/o N.E. Southward Funeral Director, Cragg View, Wasdale, Seascale, Millom, Cumbria LA19 5YH.

SHARMAN - On 17th January 1994, at Kingston Hospital, Betty, widow of Reid, mother of Martin, John and the late Susan. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium on Friday 21st January at 12 noon. No flowers by her request. Donations if desired to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Sandy, Bedfordshire.

SHUTTLEWORTH - On January 16th 1994, peacefully at home, Lt. Col. William Preston Ashton aged 78 years. Much loved and loving husband of Moose, father and grandfather. Funeral at 2 pm Monday January 24th at Stoke-St-Milborough, near Ludlow. Family flowers only, donations to Chest Heart and Stroke Foundation. Enquiries to A. Hoskins and Son, Ludlow, tel: (0584) 872048 or 850275.

SPENCE - On 16th January in St Albans, Elsie Maud, aged 90, widow of R.F.B. Spence, formerly of Harpenden and Reigate. Much loved mother of Robert, loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral 12.15 Friday 21st January at St Nicholas, Harpenden.

van CUTSEM - On January 14th 1994 suddenly but peacefully after a long illness. Ida Mary Victoria aged 77 years. Eldest daughter of the late Count Richard Emile Geoffrey and Countess Mary Christina Van Cutsem. Dearest sister of the late May and Richard. Loving and much loved aunt and great-aunt. So sadly missed. Rest in peace. Requiem mass at noon on Monday 24th January 1994 at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Annunciations, Upper Parliament, Norwich, followed by interment at St Margaret's Church, Kirstead. Flowers to Foulgers, Long Stratton Funeral Service, Flint House, Long Stratton, or donations in lieu to the Provincial Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 3 Bute Gardens, London W6 7DR.

WALKER - On January 14th, Richard Alan (Dick) suddenly, aged 48, dearly loved husband of Anne, father of Nicola and Stephen, son of John and Joan Walker and brother of Christopher. Private funeral. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation.

WATSON - On January 13th, peacefully in her sleep, Joan Douglas, aged 88, lately of Bebbington House, Rotherfield. Dearly beloved mother of Jean, Dinah, Sally and Tess, and a wonderful grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation private. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving at St Denys, Rotherfield on Friday 21st January at 2.30 pm. No flowers at her request.

WEST-RUSSELL - On 15th January suddenly at Salisbury District Hospital, Lois, sister of Marian and David, much loved by all members of her family, her God children and her many friends. Family funeral. Thanksgiving Service St John's Wood Church on Thursday 17th February at 2.15 pm.

WILLIAMS - Suddenly but peacefully on January 14th, at home, Brynsiencin Gwbert Road, Cardigan, Henry Gwynedd. Dearly loved husband of Betty, devoted father of Siân and well respected brother of Alwyn and the late Berwyn. Funeral at Bethania Baptist Chapel, Cardigan, 12.15 pm on Thursday January 20th, followed by a private service at Parc Gwyn Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations, in lieu, if so desired for Bethania Baptist Chapel c/o Rev. Wilbert Jenkins, Rosario Hall, Aberystwyth Road, Cardigan SA43 1LU.

WORLEY - On 16th January 1994, peacefully, Maurice aged 78 years. Service on Friday 21st January at Worthing Crematorium at 2.00pm. By request, family flowers only, donations if desired to The Parkinsons Disease Society c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Brighton Road, Worthing, tel: (0903) 234516.

WRIGHT - On 14th January 1994, suddenly in Bournemouth, Geraldine Anne aged 34 years. Much loved daughter of Thomas and Shirley and sister of Jane. Funeral private.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CHRISTISON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of General Sir Philip Christison will be held at St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, on Friday 28th January at 12.30 pm.

MOULTON - A Memorial Service for Major General James Louis Moulton will take place at 11.30 am on Saturday 26th February 1994 at Christ Church, Old Road East, Gravesend, Kent.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

BAILEY - Jonathan BSc RICS. Remembering our beloved son on his 34th birthday.

OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR SIR DAVID BATES



Professor Sir David Bates, FRS, physicist, died on January 5 aged 77. He was born in Omagh, Co Tyrone, Northern Ireland on November 18, 1916.

ACROSS the broad range of atomic and molecular physics, David Bates made monumental contributions which were critical to its resurgence as an exciting discipline. His collaboration with Sir Harrie Massey resulted in major papers which transformed the study of the ionised regions of the Earth's atmosphere into a quantitative discipline of enquiry. Bates also investigated the physics underlying the luminosity of the atmosphere and he predicted that, if sodium were released at altitudes near 90 kilometres, a strong yellow emission would be seen at twilight. The experiment was carried out and a spectacular glow did, indeed, occur. The successful experiment was an important stimulus to the UK space research programme.

Working with Baron Marcel Nicolet and with several young scientists, Bates then wrote seminal papers on methane and water vapour in the atmosphere which demonstrated the importance of catalytic reactions and of dynamical processes to the abundance of ozone and other constituents. He pointed out the role of microbiological sources and sinks and effectively set the stage for the investigations, so important today, of human activities on the global atmospheric environment.

David Robert Bates attended the Royal Belfast Academical Institution after which he entered the Queen's University of Belfast in 1934. He received a BSc in 1937 and his MSc in 1938. At Queen's he met Sir Harrie Massey and when, in 1939, Massey left Queen's to become the Goldsmid Professor of Mathematics at University College London he took with him his remarkable young student David Bates.

It was at University College that the foundation was laid of Bates's brilliant scientific career. There he began his developments and applications of quantum mechanical and semi-classical methods that were to be the heart of his lifelong researches.

He was interrupted by the advent of the Second World War and he spent the war years as a research scientist at the Admiralty Research Department and at the Mine Design Department. Despite the demands on his time, Bates published several papers in theoretical atomic and molecular physics and in atmospheric science; the two areas in which he was to become a dominant figure. With the end of the war in 1945 Harrie Massey and David Bates returned to University College London where their delayed collaboration began.

In 1951 Bates returned to the Queen's University of Belfast as Professor and Head of the Department of Applied Mathematics. He remained at Queen's for the rest of his life. He received many invitations to positions elsewhere and he declined them all. His wish was to serve Northern Ireland and Queen's University.

His impact was profound. Within a few short years, he built an internationally renowned school of Theoretical Atomic and Molecular Physics. He created a supportive but challenging environment and many came for extended visits from all over the world to carry out research in atomic, molecular and atmospheric physics. His graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and visiting scientists have had a major impact in science and many now occupy distinguished positions in the United Kingdom, the United States and France. They form an extended family held together by their affection and respect for Bates and his wife Barbara.

Bates's creativity and originality were sustained throughout his life and his productivity after his retirement was awesome. Before going into hospital, he was actively engaged in preparing a paper he had been invited to present at a conference in the United States.

David Bates was elected to the fellowship of the Royal Society in 1955 and was a vice-president of the Royal Irish Academy. He was knighted for his services to science in 1978. He received many other honours including election as an honorary foreign member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1974 and as a foreign associate of the American National Academy of Science in 1984. He also was awarded many medals and received many honorary degrees.

In addition, Bates took a deep and personal interest in local affairs; the "troubles" in his beloved Ulster caused him great distress. It was no surprise that he was, in 1970, a founder member of the non-sectarian Alliance Party. As vice-president, he was a keen activist. The annual party conference and the 1974 Powersharing Executive always gave him particular pleasure.

David Bates is survived by his wife, Barbara, whom he married in 1956, and their two children.

SIR IVOR BAKER

Sir Ivor Baker, CBE, manufacturer, died on January 12 aged 85. He was born on June 2, 1908.



IVOR BAKER spent all his active working life in the old family manufacturing business, Baker Perkins, the engineering and iron-founding concern of Peterborough, and its various off-shoots and subsidiaries. He was also widely known for the part he took in introducing new methods of management and control into trade and commerce, particularly in the education and training of the young.

Allan Ivor Baker was born into a family with a long tradition both in industry and in the Society of Friends. His father, grandfather and great-grandfather were connected with Joseph Baker and Sons and he was the third of the line to be chairman, although the Baker manufacturing business was merged with Perkins Engineers in 1919. The merger brought together two undertakings, each of which put the emphasis and the responsibility upon their chiefs of being good employers, and maintaining a good reputation for rectitude and fair dealing.

Baker went to Bootham School, the Quaker institution at York, and then to King's College, Cambridge, where he graduated in engineering. Afterwards he spent a year at the Harvard School of Business, and, coming home, joined Baker Perkins as a graduate apprentice in 1931. In 1936 he was appointed to the board, of which he became chairman only eight years later at the early age of 36. He was joint-managing director, 1942-67, and chairman, 1944-75.

For at least two generations the essence of the Baker Perkins operations had been teamwork which Baker, during his chairmanship, continued and consolidated. The company had long been known, among its competitors, as one which entrusted the day-to-day conduct of the business to a board of management, and when this system was first applied it was a matter for comment. There were facilities by which all those detailed to their respective duties came together at stated times for the pooling of their collected experience and knowledge.

Beyond his financial and commercial activities, Ivor Baker's interests were limited but within the scope of those activities he was persistent and indefatigable. He travelled a great deal and apart from the parent concern, he was chairman of Baker Perkins (Exports) and on the boards of the American, New Zealand, Australian and South African Baker Perkins companies.

He was a director of Lloyds Bank for 26 years from 1953 and of Mitchell Construction Holdings, 1963-85. He was a member of the Economic Planning Council for East Anglia, 1965-69, Peterborough Development Corporation, 1968-78, High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, 1968-69, and deputy lieutenant, 1973. Formerly he had been president of the Bakery Equipment Manufacturers' Society, and had sat on the council of the British Engineers Association. He was appointed CBE in 1944 and was knighted for services to exports in 1972. He was a member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, and of the Institution of Production Engineers.

Baker is survived by his wife Josephine, whom he married in 1935, and by three sons and a daughter.

RITA KLIMOVA

Rita Klimova, Czechoslovak economist, political dissident and ambassador, died on December 30 aged 62. She was born on December 10, 1931.

RITA KLIMOVA became the distinctive spokeswoman of Czechoslovakia's "Velvet Revolution" in 1989 and then her country's ambassador to the United States.

She was the daughter of a well-known Communist journalist who escaped from Czechoslovakia with his family to the United States after the Nazi occupation. Having had most of her education in America she returned to Prague in 1946, joined the Communist Party two years later and began working as a translator and lecturer in political economics at Charles University.

If she began life as an orthodox Communist, by the 1960s she was a reformist and was married to Zdenek Mlynar, a leading politician who helped draft the "Prague Spring" programme adopted by Alexander Dubcek. After the crushing of the reformist government by the Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia she was expelled from the party and the university.

She soon became an outspoken opponent of the post-invasion regime and survived the years after 1968 by working as a translator for Czechoslovak underground publications. Klimova became a leading member of the Charter 77 human rights movement and, when the peaceful revolution against communism swelled in November 1989, she became its spokeswoman, translating the statements of Vaclav Havel and other dissidents into the fluent English she learnt as a child in New York.

After Havel became president, Klimova was appointed Czechoslovakia's ambassador to Washington in February 1990. But shortly after her arrival in Washington she was striken with leukaemia. She underwent chemotherapy treatment and seemed to have fully recovered but resigned in September 1992, three months before Czechoslovakia split into the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Klimova's marriage to Mlynar broke up in 1966 and in 1978 she married Zdenek Klima, a former Czech diplomat who also had been expelled from the Communist Party. He died in 1980. Klimova's son by Mlynar is a prominent Czech journalist.



LOUISE SOELBERG

Louise Soelberg, dancer, died in Yellow Springs, Ohio, on January 4 aged 90. She was born in Seattle, Washington State, on July 9, 1903.

LOUISE SOELBERG became one of the pioneers of modern dance both in the United States and England. The dance critic John Martin described her, along with Martha Graham, as being in the forefront of the modern movement. "Miss Soelberg's phrasing is exquisite, not only musically, but plastically," he wrote in *The New York Times*, and Maurice Browne in *Theatre Arts Monthly* said, "Miss Soelberg takes her place among the half-dozen figures in dance."

Soelberg first enrolled in the Cornish School of Music and Art, which her banker father helped to build, and later studied with Doris Humphrey and Charles Weidman. She then attended the Jacques Dalcroze Institute of Eurythmics in Geneva and was awarded a rare Dalcroze diploma. She subsequently returned to head up the dance department at the Cornish School.

When in 1930 she was invited to Britain to establish a dance department at Dartington Hall, Martha Graham took over her teaching post at the Cornish School. At Dartington her composer and accompanist was Alan Rawsthorne and her friend, the painter Mark Tobey, made many drawings of her, including a large mural of her at work in her studio. At Dartington she married Richard Elmhirst, and they had one daughter.

When the Ballet Jooss took up residence at Dartington she joined the company as leading dancer for their world tour of *The Green Table*, *Pavane*, *Ballade* and *The Big City*, and was prima ballerina with the company from 1934 until the outbreak of the Second World War.

During the war she divorced and married the actor-director Basil Langton. They had one child, born during a London air raid.

In London she established the Dance Centre to be a training centre of modern dance for dance teachers and professionals, and she toured England with her own dance company, while choreographing work for her husband's theatre company, the Travelling Repertory Theatre. At the end of the war they toured Europe together in a production of Shaw's *Saint Joan*.



While with the Ballet Jooss she had met Rudolph von Laban and continued to work closely with him to develop his dance notation, known as *Labannotation*. Her monograph "Modern Dance — What Is It?" was published in England in 1942.

In 1947 she joined her husband in America to teach dance at Catholic University in Washington, and to create dances for a revue by Jean and Walter Kerr. In 1953-54 she was choreographer for a Shaw Festival of plays at Martha's Vineyard, and for a production of *The Tempest* for the Cincinnati Symphony. There she presented the American première of the music of Sibelius. In 1956 she choreographed and directed dances for the Empire State Music Festival's production of Carl Orff's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, conducted by Leopold Stokowski, with Basil Rathbone and Red Buttons in the cast.

She and her daughter then settled in Yellow Springs, Ohio, where she taught stage movement at Antioch College. But a ruptured disc soon limited her dance activity and she turned her attention to her childhood love of horses and established the Glen Helen Riding Centre.

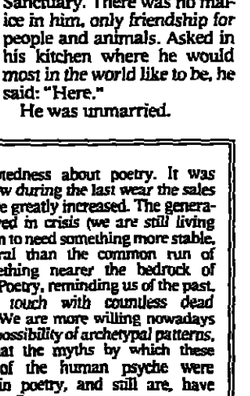
When in 1976 the Joffrey Ballet presented a Kurt Jooss programme and revived *The Green Table* she explained in an interview: "The life of a solo dancer is very short. Dancers should retire at 38 or 40, when they pass their prime. Old friends in the theatre are flabbergasted when they learn that I'm now teaching riding . . . strict ballet forbids riding. Ballet is an outturning of muscles. Riding is in-turning. The conflict is incompatible."

For the rest of her life she devoted all her energies to the Riding Centre, where she developed a programme for the handicapped and for retarded children, and was the first woman to receive the National Senior Citizen of the Month award.

She is survived by the daughter from her first marriage, Eloise Sharman, who lives in England, and by her second daughter, Jessica Andrews, who is managing director of the Shakespeare Theatre in Washington.

STANLEY HALL

Stanley Hall, perfumier, wigmaker and make-up artist, died in Sussex on January 5 aged 76. He was born in Boston, Lincolnshire, on August 9, 1917.



STANLEY HALL, son of an Anglican clergyman, grew up with two major passions — the film business and imaginative cooking. Although not himself a famous name he was well known among many who were.

He became a professional make-up artist at London Films in the then new Denham Studios and the stars became his friends. Photographs lined his walls, addressed affectionately to "Darling Stanley" or some other warm theatrical phrase. He was an expert in wigs and started his own gallery, Wig Creations, near Baker Street in the 1960s, where he also sold wigs, jewellery and perfumes. Most theatre programmes and film cast lists carried Baker's name among the credits — for wigs, creative make-up or hairstyles.

The stage or film personalities, who often literally passed through his hands on their way to the footlights or the camera, found him a sympathetic listener and confidant. Noël Coward wrote of "Stanley's marvellous parties". Indeed, Coward, who never allowed his name to be commercialised, gave Hall exclusive rights to use his play titles as names for his perfumes. Top London stores sold the beige and gold concoctions called *Easy Virtue*, *Conversation Piece*, *Blithe Spirit* and so on. Marlene Dietrich not only wore his perfumes but loved his cooking and asked him to make spare dishes of steak-and-kidney pie, carrying them back to the Savoy, whence she later returned the empty dishes by Rolls-Royce. Exercise books in his home listed guests at parties together with the favourite dishes of his guests, like Sir John Gielgud's Khaloubiac (a fish en croute) and Vivien Leigh's red chicken.

After he retired from London he lived on the south coast where he kept and bred exotic birds, black-faced sheep and wondrous parrots which loved him and would sit on his shoulder to share his food at mealtimes.

Tall and upright, Stanley Hall was equally at home in torn sweater or dinner jacket. He loved the country and animals, working indefatigably for the Raystede Animal Sanctuary. There was no malice in him, only friendship for people and animals. Asked in his kitchen where he would most in the world like to be, he said: "Here."

He was unmarried.

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Poet's job today 'appallingly difficult'

The Poet Laureate went to Hull University yesterday to deliver a cool analysis of the state of play of poetry in Britain today, with scarcely a flicker of an eye in a fine frenzy rolling.

Dr C. Day-Lewis, who described himself as "by now a member of the *derrière-garde*", was giving the inaugural Compton poetry lecture. Hull have appointed him the first Compton lecturer, a post set up with funds left by Joseph Compton, late chairman of the poetry panel of the Arts Council. Universities hold the lectureship in turn for three-year periods.

The poet today, said the Poet Laureate, knew himself stripped of most of his traditional functions. As an entertainer, he had been superseded. As a moralist or versifier of public events, he would not be listened to. As a magician he had lost his nerve. "To many people he looks like a man desperately and unintelligibly semaphoring from a sand-castle crumbling at the tide's encroachment."

One job left for a poet was "to purify the language of the tribe, to ensure that our English language shall be kept clean, resourceful, adventurous, alive": "magic was something readers still looked for in poetry."

But this function was made appallingly difficult by "the vulgarity or cynicism with which so many people, from politicians to pop-singers, from with-it clergymen to woolly-minded publicists, corrupt that language".

In spite of the surrounding difficulties, people went on writing poetry, because they had to, because it was their vocation, because poems were their way of comprehending their own experience.

Even in 1968 poetry still had a point and a purpose for the public.

"First there is a certain consoling and reassuring rootedness about poetry. It was noticeable how during the last wear the sales of poetry were greatly increased. The generations who lived in crisis (we are still living there) do seem to need something more stable, less ephemeral than the common run of books: something nearer the bedrock of humankind. Poetry, reminding us of the past, puts us in touch with countless dead generations. We are more willing nowadays to accept the possibility of archetypal patterns, to believe that the myths by which these movements of the human psyche were represented in poetry, and still are, have meaning for us."

Magic was something readers still looked for in poetry. The work of a few of the younger poets, bizarre, farouche, crazy, though it may seem to an older generation, opened a new channel through which "this mysterious X" might flow into the poem, and through it to the reader.

Another new element was the attempt to infuse a colloquial element into poetry . . .

"Supposing you, as readers, encouraged us poets to treat public events and trends in satire, in elegy, in narrative or heroic verse, you would at least be giving us an incentive to broaden our scope again." The new Compton poetry lecturer will be giving three lectures at Hull this term.

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Giving the Compton Poetry Lecture, C. Day-Lewis (1904-1972), the Poet Laureate, said that one job left for a poet was "to ensure that our English language shall be kept clean, resourceful, adventurous, alive": "magic was something readers still looked for in poetry."

NEWS

Los Angeles quake causes havoc

■ A violent earthquake shook Los Angeles yesterday, killing at least 16 people, buckling highways, wrecking thousands of homes and sparking hundreds of fires that left the city shrouded in black smoke.

The quake, which struck the San Fernando Valley northwest of the city at 4.31am, was the worst in southern California for forty years, measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale. About three million people felt the impact ..... Pages 1, 14

Major denies export knowledge

■ John Major yesterday attempted to distance himself from the arms-to-Iraq affair by telling Lord Justice Scott's enquiry that although he hedl three of the highest offices of state he was never fully briefed by officials about any changes in the Government's arms export policy ..... Pages 1, 7

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The Queen has broken her left wrist in a fall from a horse at Sandringham ..... Page 1

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Two 15-year-old pupils were asked to stitch the wounds of hospital patients after being mistaken for medical students during work experience ..... Page 1

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About 400,000 people will be drawn into the tax net in April because of the government decision to freeze tax allowances in the last two Budgets ..... Page 1

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Douglas Hurd gave John Major a boost by denying that he is planning to leave the government this year ..... Page 2

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A mother exacted her own murderous retribution after charges were dropped against a pensioner accused of sexually molesting her four-year old daughter a court was told ..... Page 3

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Customs and police investigators using a "sting operation" yesterday seized cocaine worth £50 million ..... Page 5

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The official report into an air crash in the Himalayas which killed 167 people, 35 of them Britons, is being kept secret, an inquest was told ..... Page 5

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John Major has been named by a civil servant as authorising an "unequivocally unsound" aid deal to Malaysia ..... Page 8

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As the Bosnian peace talks resume in Geneva, there are reports of growing friction between the United Nations commander and Boutros Boutros Ghali, the Secretary-General ..... Page 12

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President Yeltsin accepted the resignation of Yegor Gaidar, his Economics Minister, but said reforms would go on ..... Page 13

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A Palestinian policeman, right, hugging an Egyptian colleague during the graduation of 52 Palestinians from Cairo Police Academy

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Broadway blues

■ Against all the odds, the New York theatre scene is proving — yet again — that reports of its death are premature

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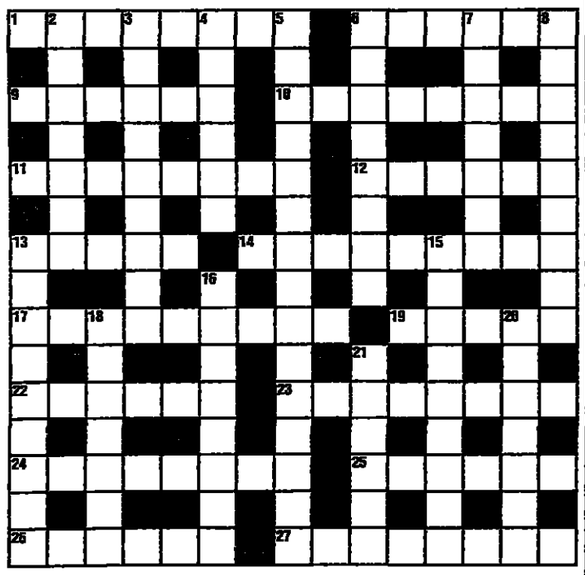
For many fans, figure skating was the last of the innocent big-time sports — a place where athletes and their supporters would after mingle. Now, that trust is lost

— USA Today

Why is it that community service is food for the children of the middle class, and it is all right to suggest making their college loans dependent on it, but somehow community service is too much to ask of the poor in exchange for the assistance the community is giving them?

— The Washington Times

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ACROSS

1 Not appropriate to a person in care (8).
6 Packing in sport (6).
9 Kitchen equipment worthy of more note, they say (6).
10 Ignores a dubious order (8).
11 Beat and scold angrily, resulting in distress (8).
12 Pub in tropical capital (6).
13 Party in the back bar (5).
14 Patrons find second bit of decay in horizontal beams in church (9).
17 Leading Conservative unfortunately unvoiced (9).
19 Ultimately many have a violent animus, for this poet (5).
22 Delicious drink lying around in locker at Central Station (6).
23 Praise a book the Opium Eater would have liked (8).
24 One type of wood is extremely effective for a pedestal (8).
25 Ribald disruption of wedding (6).
26 Flag officer (6).
27 Having shot dog, beat it (4,4).

DOWN

2 Report circulating — extraterrestrial landed on Scottish isle (7).
3 Improving other people in upright *surroundings (2,3,4).*
4 Current in a widened stretch of river (6).
5 Make every effort to excel, following Carver's elevation (2,4,5,4).
6 Fairground ride is not a weighable contraption (3,5).
7 Take off from Italian capital, and marry outside Italy (7).
8 Celebrity estranges constituents (9).
13 Arcane ritual gripping subordinate after the head has gone (9).
15 One who treats the criminal (9).
16 Sign of contempt about a smug circular (8).
18 Garment said to be worth a few pounds (7).
20 One has to accept an upset in the wake of an earthquake (7).
21 Count more dead (6).

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: am — Sun sets: pm

Moon sets — Moon rises

First quarter etc
London pm to am
Bristol pm to am
Edinburgh pm to am
Manchester pm to am
Penzance pm to am

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■ **General:** Much of England and Wales will start dry with a sharp frost in the South. Rain and wind in northernmost counties will spread south. The southeast corner will have a dry day with the rain arriving after dark. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be windy with outbreaks of rain during the first half of the day but be clearer with heavy showers later.

■ **London, S and Cent S England, E Anglia and Channel Isles:** Dry day; rain after dark. Wind SW moderate becoming fresh. Max 4C (39F).

■ **E and W Midlands, E and SW England, and S Wales:** Dry morning; rain later. Wind south to southwest, fresh to strong. Max 6C (43F).

■ **N Wales, Central N, NW and E England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders and SW Scotland:** Outbreaks of rain; drier in the evening. Wind SW, strong. Max 7C (45F).

■ **Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Moray, NE and NW Scotland, N Isles and Northern Ireland:** Rain turning showery in the afternoon. Wind SW, strong. Max 8C (46F).

■ **Outlook:** Unsettled; showers.

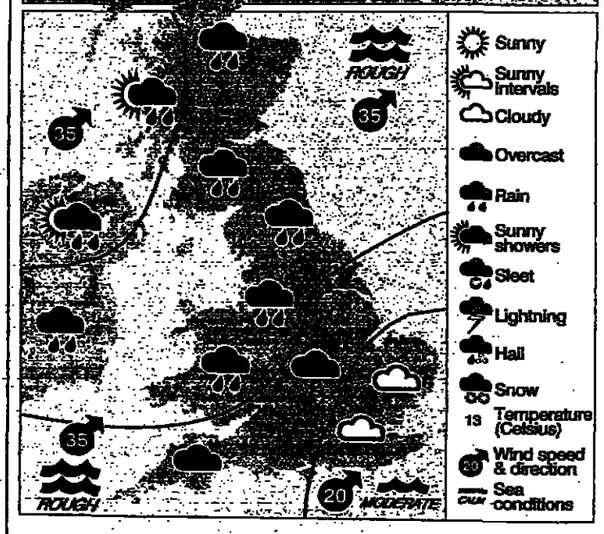
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	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.9	0.05	4	39	sn	Liverpool	6.5	-	4	39	s
Anglesey	4.9	0.02	6	43	h	London	5.1	0.01	5	41	b
Aspatria	4.0	-	3	37	b	Lowestoft	3.0	0.02	5	41	sh
Aviemore	0.8	0.03	1	34	sn	Manchester	5.0	-	4	39	s
Belfast	3.8	0.04	3	37	sn	Margate	x	0.20	6	43	c
Birmingham	5.6	-	4	39	s	Minehead	x	0.28	6	43	s
Bognor R	6.2	0.17	5	41	s	Morecambe	6.5	-	4	39	s
Bournem'th	5.6	0.09	5	41	s	Newcastle	6.0	0.39	4	39	s
Bristol	4.7	0.08	5	41	b	Newquay	x	-			
Buxton	6.9	-	2	36	s	Norwich	4.3	0.04	6	41	sh
Cardiff	6.5	0.16	5	41	s	Nottingham	5.5	-	4	39	s
Clacton	5.5	-	5	41	s	Penzance	4.7	0.05	9	48	b
Cleethorpes	x					Plymouth	6.4	-	7	45	s
Colwyn Bay	5.4	0.02	5	41	b	Poole	5.3	0.11	6	41	s
Cromer	3.9	0.09	5	41	sl	Ross-o-wye	6.0	0.07	5	41	s
Dunbar	x					Ryde	x				
Eastbourne	5.8	0.36	6	43	s	Salcombe	x				
Edinburgh	4.8	-	3	37	b	Sandown	5.7	0.14	5	41	s
Eskdalemuir	5.3	-	2	36	b	Scarbo Snd	5.0	0.03	8	46	s
Exmouth	1.0	0.27	9	48	r	Scilly Isles	3.7	0.13	8	46	s
Falmouth	5.5	0.02	7	45	s	Selsey Bill	3.4	0.08	8	46	s
Folkestone	5.7	0.15	7	45	s	Shanklin	6.5	0.23	6	41	s
Glasgow	4.7	-	4	39	b	Skegness	4.1	0.06	4	39	sh
Guernsey	4.3	0.10	7	45	b	Southend	5.3	-	5	41	b
Hastings	6.8	0.22	6	43	s	Southport	6.7	-	5	41	s
Hayling I.	x					Stornoway	6.8	0.19	6	43	s
Herne Bay	5.2	0.01	5	41	b	Stornoway	-	0.07	3	37	sh
Hove	2.9	0.09	6	43	c	Swanage	6.4	0.06	5	41	s
Hunstanton	4.0	0.06	4	39	h	Teignmouth	7.2	0.13	7	45	s
Isle of Man	x					Tenby	x				
Jersey	4.3	0.11	7	45	b	Tiree	2.4	0.02	5	41	sh
Kinloss	0.1	0.03	3	37	sn	Torquay	7.9	0.15	7	45	s
Leeds	6.6	-	5	41	s	Ventnor	6.1	0.33	6	43	s
Lerwick	0.8	0.02	1	34	sn	West-o-mare	5.3	0.08	5	41	b
Leuchars	5.5	-	4	39	s	Weymouth	8.2	0.05	5	41	s
Littlehmptn	6.7	0.14	5	41	s	These are Sunday's figures					

Ajaccio	10	50	c	G'phagn	-1	30	sn	Madrid	6	43	s
Alicante	17	63	c	Corfu	12	54	f	Majorca	14	57	s
Alex'dria	19	66	s	Dublin	3	37	s	Malaga	12	54	f
Algiers	16	61	f	Dubrovnik	9	48	r	Malta	16	61	f
Amst'dm	4	39	c	Faro	13	55	c	Melb'rne	19	66	r
Athens	16	61	s	Florence	6	43	r	Mexico C	-	--	
Bahrain	22	72	s	Frankfurt	4	39	r	Miami	22	72	f
Bangkok	32	90	f	Funchal	18	61	f	Milan	8	46	f
Barbados	28	82	f	Geneva	3	37	c	Montreal	-27	-17	s
Barcelona	12	54	s	Gibraltar	13	55	s	Moscow	-1	30	c
Beirut	16	61	s	Helsinki	0	32	d	Munich	-1	30	c
Belgrade	6	43	s	Hong K	22	72	r	Nairobi	26	82	f
Berlin	3	37	sl	Innsbruck	2	36	f	Naples	10	50	r
Bermuda	16	61	f	Inverness	2	36	c	N Delhi	15	59	s
Biarritz	8	46	r	Istanbul	9	48	f	N York	-12	10	s
Blackpool	4	39	s	Jeddah	24	75	s	Nice	11	52	s
Borde'x	9	48	f	Jo'burg	24	75	f	Oslo	-6	21	c
Brussels	5	41	s	Karachi	25	77	s	Paris	4	39	r
Budapest	0	32	fg	L Palmas	18	64	c	Peking	5	41	s
B Aires	28	73	s	Le Touet	5	41	f	Perth	24	75	s
Cairo	17	63	f	Lisbon	9	48	r	Prague	1	34	f
Cape Tn	26	79	s	Locarno	5	41	c	Reykjavik	-8	21	f
Chicago	-17	1	sn	L Angeles	12	54	fg	Rhodes	17	63	f
Ch'church	16	61	f	Luxembg	5	41	f	Rio de J	31	88	f
Cologne	5	41	r	Luxor	19	66	s	Riyadh	18	64	s

Rome	11	52	c	Stockholm	-6	21	sn	Tangier	13	55	f
Ronldsway	5	41	s	Strasbrg	2	36	c	Tel Aviv	14	57	r
Salzburg	-1	30	c	Sydney	25	77	c	Tenerife	19	66	f
Santiago	23	73	f	S Frisco	11	52	s	Tokyo	9	48	s
S Paulo	-27	81	f	Tallinn	-6	21	sn	Toronto	-14	7	f
Seoul	-6	43	c	Tampere	-8	18	sn	Turin	15	59	f
Sing'por	31	88	f	Tarragona	2	36	c	Valencia	10	50	f

X = not available



Changes to the chart below from noon: Low P will move NE and fill. High C will move E and weaken. High D will move slowly with little change



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.23	6.65	6.01	6.52	Liverpool	2.47	8.24	3.07	8.36
Aberdeen	5.17	3.72	5.20	3.67	Lowestoft	12.50	2.46	1.50	2.15
Avonmouth	10.35	11.50	11.03	11.06	Margate	3.32	4.46	4.05	4.20
Belfast	2.52	3.10	3.06	3.31	Milford Haven	10.03	6.14	10.18	6.79
Cardiff	10.38	10.70	10.48	10.31	Newquay	8.58	5.0	9.36	4.7
Devonport	9.15	5.0	9.36	4.7	Oban	9.22	3.5	9.23	3.4
Dover	2.36	6.26	2.57	5.79	Penzance	8.23	5.1	8.48	4.7
Falmouth	8.45	4.8	9.06	4.5	Portland	10.06	1.7	10.24	1.6
Glasgow	4.38	4.7	4.48	4.8	Portsmouth	2.59	4.5	3.08	4.2
Harwich	3.18	3.76	3.46	3.57	Shoreham	2.60	5.74	3.12	5.44
Holyhead	1.59	4.80	2.13	4.99	Southampton	2.39	4.07	2.48	3.82
Hull	10.05	6.48	10.14	6.68	Swansea	10.04	8.27	10.19	7.86
Ilfracombe	9.37	6.19	9.53	7.72	Tees	7.41	4.82	7.48	4.80
King's Lynn	10.13	5.5	10.16	5.8	Wilton-on-Nae	3.13	3.99	3.43	3.78
Leith	8.36	5.04	8.51	4.92					

Sunday: Highest day temp: Penzance, Cornwall, 09C (48F); lowest day max: Spadeadam, Cumbria, 0C (32F); highest rainfall: Tiverton, Somerset, 0.43in; highest sunshine: Torquay, Devon, 7.5hr.

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TUESDAY JANUARY 18 1994

Names spurn Lloyd's offer

Big Gooda Walker vote to press ahead with lawsuits

BY SARAH BAGNALL

■ Names have been told that if they accept the Lloyd's offer they will get what is left after the insurance market has made various deductions and will forgo their right to sue

LITIGATING Gooda Walker names overwhelmingly rejected the Lloyd's settlement offer, sounding the death knell for the corporation's attempt to stop a flood of legal actions. More than 1,000 loss-making names gathered at the Grosvenor Hotel, London, to vote on whether to accept their action group's £220 million share of the £900 million offer.

They were balloted after two and half hours of debate and, together with proxies, voted five-to-one against accepting the offer. Lloyd's has said it needs acceptances covering more than 70 per cent of the offer's value for the offer to go unconditional.

Lloyd's has offered £900 million to more than 21,000 names, litigating and non-litigating, in compensation for losses of more than £3.2 billion. Acceptance of the offer requires names to give up their rights to legal action in the High Court. Any action against third parties such as accountants will be taken by a new Lloyd's company called Recovery.

Several action groups, including Merrett Action Group 418, have already thrown the offer out, and yesterday's decision by the Gooda Walker Action Group makes the 70-per-cent-plus target look virtually impossible to achieve. A Lloyd's spokesman said: 'If names, having seen all the facts, decide that they would prefer to take their chances in court, then that is their decision." Of the 3,000 litigating Gooda Walker names, 1,563 followed the committee's recommendation to continue litigation. They are due to take their fight to recover £580 million of losses to court on April 26.

Michael Deeny, chairman of Gooda Walker Action Group, said he welcomed the names' decision. "The offer is approximately 40 per cent of our losses," he said. "It is subject to a variety of deeply unsatisfactory conditions, and we believe that we can do significantly better than this through the courts."

He continued: "In any commercial litigation, the other side offers 40 per cent of losses four months before you are due in court and most would say it looks as if the other side thinks we are going to win."

The main worries raised by names concerned the lack of a cap on their future losses. While acceptance of the offer would remove names' rights to litigate, it would not remove their future liabilities. Mr Deeny said Gooda Walker Run-Off had estimated that the deterioration of their losses could reach £185 million. "As one name has said to me, 'the offer has as many strings attached as a parachute, but does not have the same life-saving qualities'," Mr Deeny said.

John Rew, a name, said the offer represented 28 per cent of names' losses now, "but over time it will only represent about 10 per cent". Blaize Morris, a name working in the Lloyd's market, said Gooda Walker names "have already lost £1.1 billion and we don't know what our future losses will be." He added that he would spend his and his family's money on legal fees, rather than accept the offer. "Let's fight all the way, and give Lloyd's a bloody nose."

Several names queried the action group's rules on whether they could go against the rest of the group and accept the offer. Mr Deeny said: "We are bound together." Under the rules, a name wishing to withdraw can apply to the committee. But this provision is there for names who are unable to continue litigating, not those wanting to pull out for commercial reasons.

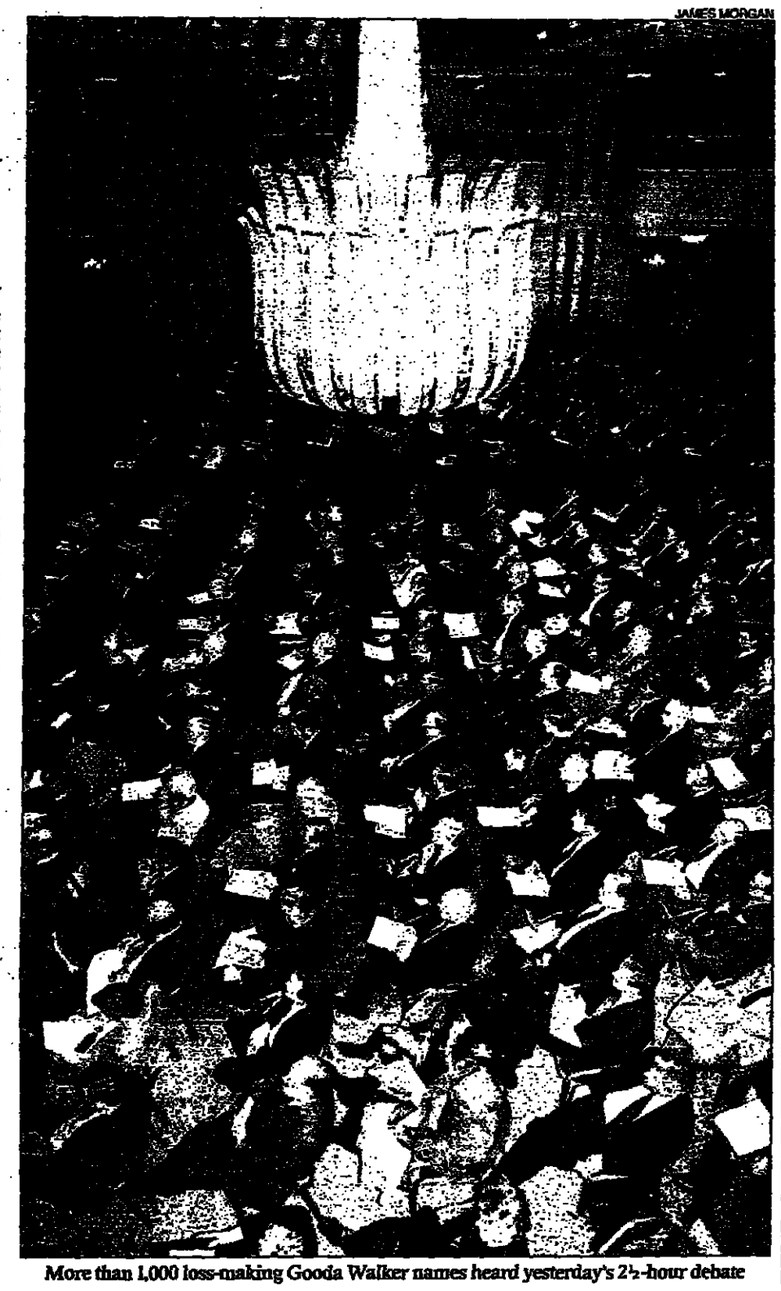
Names were told that if they accepted the offer, they would receive only left-overs after Lloyd's had made various deductions. Litigation would give them cash. However, some names showed concern over time that would elapse before they might receive any payouts from the courts.

Philip Rocher, at Wilde Sapte, the action group's solicitors, said he hoped a judgment would be made by October, but that it might take two years before payouts were received.

Another working name said: "However simple a case looks from a legal point of view, it always takes a great deal longer to take it through the courts than forecast, and always costs about 300 per cent more than the lawyers initially estimate."

Another name said that even though Gooda Walker's action was due in court soon, other actions could take years to come to trial. Names have until February 14 to vote on whether to accept the Lloyd's offer.

There were five abstentions from the vote. One woman said she would have liked the offer to be tied into NewCo, the Lloyd's company that is set to take over 1985 and prior-year policies.



JAMES MORGAN

More than 1,000 loss-making Gooda Walker names heard yesterday's 2½-hour debate

Fimbra revokes 1,000 licences

BY SARA MCCONNELL
PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE number of independent financial advisers which have had their authorisation revoked by the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra) for breaches of rules topped 1,000 for the first time at the end of last year, the regulator will say tomorrow.

Between April 29, 1988, when the self-regulatory regime began, and the end of December last year, Fimbra had found a total of 1,016 firms guilty of offences ranging from non-payment of fees to handling clients' money without authorisation and outright fraud. Since the start of the year, a further four firms have had authorisation revoked, bringing the total to 1,020. Fimbra's membership has fallen from 9,045 at its peak in January 1989, to 5,789 now. Not all the firms that have lost their Fimbra authorisation will have had it taken from them for not being "fit and proper" to conduct investment business. Some have retired or left the industry.

The Personal Investment Authority, which is set to take over regulation of independent financial advisers from Fimbra this summer, after criticism of the existing regulatory regime, is meeting today to determine the final composition of its board. It is expected to announce two more public interest appointments to add to five existing ones.

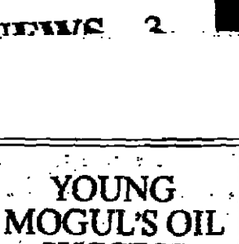
The proposed composition of the PIA board has been fiercely attacked by several life companies, including Standard Life, the largest mutual, on the grounds that it plans to allocate only nine of its 19 seats to industry practitioners, with the rest going to directors representing consumer and public interests.

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Manufacturing out of doldrums

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH manufacturing seems to have picked up from its autumn doldrums and, at the same time, inflationary pressures in industry remain subdued, a virtuous combination for the Government.

Manufacturing output rose 0.8 per cent in the three months to November, compared with the previous three months, and by 1.8 per cent compared with the same period a year ago. Industrial production was up 1.2 per cent on the three months and 2.7 per cent up on a year ago, the Central Statistical Office said.

However, these figures flatter the overall performance of British industry. Manufacturing was boosted by higher production in the tobacco industry with the pre-Christmas burst of production and an attempt by manufacturers to beat higher excise duties in the first November Budget.

News on producer prices was very positive overall. Although producer output prices rose 0.5 per cent in December, giving an annual rise of 4 per cent, compared with 3.6 per cent in November, this was due to excise duties announced in the Budget. Excluding food, beverages, tobacco and petroleum, output prices rose by a seasonally adjusted 0.1 per cent and the annual rate of increase fell to 2.9 per cent from 3.1 per cent in November. Economists at James Capel said: "The producer prices data are an important lead indicator of retail price inflation and suggest little scope for unpleasant surprises in the short term."

Input prices fell 0.1 per cent in December, leaving the year-on-year rate of decline unchanged from November at minus 1 per cent. Unit labour costs rose 0.1 per cent in the year to November.

☐ British business people were the most optimistic of 150,000 Europeans in eight countries surveyed by Eurochambres, with nearly 60 per cent of firms expecting positive developments this year.

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George blames banks and small firms for rift

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

EDDIE George, Governor of the Bank of England, said that banks and their small business customers were equally to blame for the breakdown of their relationship during the recession.

Mr George told business leaders at a dinner in Glasgow last night that he had concluded his investigation into allegations that banks had been too quick to withdraw funding from small firms when they got into financial trouble.

He said: "I come out of this exercise reasonably confident that small firms will not be constrained by any general lack of availability of bank finance, and with a sense that many of the difficulties and mutual misunderstandings that have arisen are being addressed."

Mr George said it was not surprising that resentment should have been directed at the banks, which provide the bulk of external finance to small businesses. But he added: "The banks suffer too when their small business borrowers run into difficulties." Mr George produced a report containing seven conclusions aimed at providing a statement of principle, or way forward, for banks, small firms and Government.

The report comes after meetings between the Bank and representatives of the various interest groups in the summer and a meeting of all the parties at the end of the year. Last night, Mr George proposed the meetings should be held periodically to review progress.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, the chairman of TSB and president of the British Bankers' Association, welcomed the report.

The Bank's conclusions are:

☐ The banks are committed to the small firm sector, and to training of staff responsible for lending to small firms. They are working to provide a wider menu of alternative forms of finance to conventional overdrafts, and to focusing more on business prospects instead of relying primarily on collateral.

☐ Small firms must improve their financial and management skills.

☐ Late payment of bills is a significant problem and can often be the cause of business failure. The case for establishing a statutory right to interest on unpaid bills is attracting support.

☐ Further measures to encourage equity investment in small firms are needed. A replacement for the Unlisted Securities Market that provides assurance to equity investors of an eventual market for their interests could make a valuable contribution.

☐ There is some concern about the impact on small firms of changes in insolvency rules and in the Consumer Credit Act.

☐ Support services to help small firms into new export markets are needed.

☐ Banks are businesses, not public utilities. They must price risks realistically.

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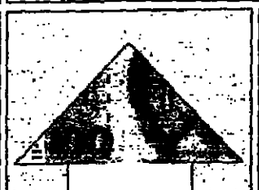


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Two accountants fined £1,500 each for insider dealing

BY A CORRESPONDENT

TWO chartered accountants were yesterday found guilty of insider dealing on the Stock Exchange. The pair walked free after a judge fined them £1,500 each, though the maximum sentence for insider dealing is seven years' imprisonment.

Ian Morrisey, 37, and Lorelie Staines, 39, persuaded others to buy a total of 17,000 shares in Aaronson Brothers, a UK building products supplier. They knew the company's stock market price would rise because of an imminent hostile takeover bid. Staines's 12,000 shares, bought by her father, Thomas Hicks, were sold for £3,000 profit. Morrisey's 5,000 shares were sold for a £1,500 profit.

Each was found guilty by unanimous jury verdict of counselling or procuring another to deal in securities while being a prohibited person, contrary to the Company Securities (Insider Dealing) Act, 1985. Judge David Selwood fined each defendant, neither of whom had any previous convictions, £1,500, with 45 days' imprisonment in the event of default on payment.

"This offence goes to the heart of the way in which the Stock Exchange in this country, and in London in particular, is organised," the judge said. "I have not the slightest doubt, having regard to your profession, that you were perfectly well aware of what you were doing. This was a deliberate flouting of the law, which was passed to protect the market."

Both Morrisey, of Tasso Road, Hammersmith, west London, and Staines, of Chiltern Road, Richmond, Surrey, denied the charge.

Inner London Crown Court heard that in July 1990, Glunz, a German wood firm, planned a hostile takeover bid for Aaronson Brothers. Glunz planned to offer 80p a share, 30p above the 50p at which Aaronson's shares were then trading. Morrisey, a chartered accountant with Hope Agar, and Staines, a former chartered accountant with Kidsons Impey — both Hope Agar and Kidsons Impey are accountancy firms based in the City — learnt of the proposed takeover bid from Martin Priddle, a friend and professional colleague, two weeks before it was publicly announced, Peter Clarke, counsel for the prosecution, said.

Mr Priddle, whose firm, KPMG Peat Marwick, was involved in the planned acquisition, "let the cat out of the bag" at a garden party at Staines's home on July 18, 1990, Mr Clarke said. "He told the gathering he was working on an interesting project involving a hostile takeover bid," he said. "The others present at the party were keen to find out the identity of the company that was the subject of the takeover bid."

A week later, Staines's father bought 12,000 Aaronson shares. John Maskell, acting on information from Morrisey, bought 5,000 shares, the court heard. Glunz announced its takeover bid on August 6, 1990, and Aaronson shares immediately jumped to 80 pence.

The next day, Mr Hicks sold his shares at a £3,000 profit. Morrisey, who bought Mr Maskell's shares before the August 6 announcement date, later sold them at a £1,500 profit. The insider dealing by the two defendants was eventually exposed by a Department of Trade and Industry investigation launched in November 1990.

It was highly unlikely that either defendant would ever work in the City again, the court was told. Mr Priddle was subsequently dismissed from Peat Marwick and suffered a mental breakdown, the court heard.

The judge told the defendants: "The worst thing you did was to take advantage of the confidence placed in you by your former colleague Mr Priddle, who has since lost his job."

Retailers enjoy best Christmas for three years

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

■ **Further sales growth is expected this month following the highest monthly increase in orders placed with wholesalers in December for more than three years**

HIGH street retailers enjoyed a good Christmas, according to sales figures published today by the Confederation of British Industry showing the sharpest growth in shop sales for more than three years — but sales growth looks set this month to fall back.

The Government will tomorrow publish official retail sales figures, but the latest CBI distributive trades survey shows clearly that most retailers, especially large multiple stores, had a good Christmas in terms of increased sales.

The figures will be a welcome relief both for hard-pressed high street shops and for Government ministers and business leaders looking for signs of consumer spending that might assist economic recovery. Though high street sales growth is forecast to slacken in January, sales volumes are still rising, though at a more moderate rate.

High street stores had forecast a good Christmas, according to the CBI's survey, and though retailers thought that sales would pick up only in the final week before Christmas, today's survey, taken between December 15 and January 5 and covering 15,000 outlets, shows that their expectations were largely met.

A balance of 36 per cent of retailers, those forecasting a rise in annual sales volumes in December set against those expecting a fall, believed sales would increase, and the final balance of actual sales of 34 per cent of companies reporting an increase is in line with those expectations.

Sales in December showed the largest year-on-year increase since April 1990, while the balance of companies viewing their sales as above average was at 11 per cent, the largest such figure since June 1990. Large multiples have seen the fastest growth rates, with a balance of 33 per cent reporting rises.

The CBI's figures suggest that retailers do no expect too much from the traditional post-Christmas sales, with the balance of those forecasting rising sales dropping back to 24 per cent in January.

Sudhir Junankar, CBI deputy economics director, said: "It is likely that the buoyancy of trade was in part due to keen pricing by retailers in the run-up to Christmas, which successfully attracted customers into the high street", although he gave warning that "looking ahead, prospects for retailers are not as good".

Growth in wholesalers' volumes picked up in December, driven by the highest increase in orders placed by high street retailers for more than three years. The balance of 39 per cent of wholesalers reporting rises was much greater than the 11 per cent expectation, and further sales growth is expected this month.

But motor traders saw a slight fall in sales in December, with the balance dropping from 14 per cent seeing growth in November to 5 per cent reporting a decline.

The poorer motor performance dampened the overall sales of the distributive sector — the three areas taken together. Though total volumes across the three rose in the year to December to a balance of 33 per cent — greater than expected — sales volumes in the month were less than the 38 per cent shown in October.

□ Like-for-like sales at Thorntons, the chocolate maker and retailer, rose 14 per cent in the four weeks prior to Christmas (Susan Gilchrist writes). Total British retail sales for the 28 weeks to January 8 were 9 per cent up at £42.9 million. The gains were partly offset by a decline in France, where sales of £2.2 million were lower than last year.



Nazmu Virani, former chairman and chief executive of Control Securities, who denies 14 charges alleging fraud, theft and false accounting relating to the collapse of BCCI on his way to the Old Bailey yesterday, where the jury was being sworn in ahead of tomorrow's trial

Metallgesellschaft price surges after rescue plan

METALLGESELLSCHAFT (MG) shares surged 20 per cent, to peak just below DM250, as the Frankfurt bourse gave a warm welcome to the DM3.4 billion plan agreed with creditor banks at the weekend to save the metals and engineering group from becoming Germany's biggest post-war failure. The issue of new shares foreseen in the rescue has been set at DM250. Profit pared the MG gains by the close, when the share price stood at DM241, up DM27 from Friday. Carl von Boehm-Bezing, a Deutsche Bank board member, said Deutsche and Dresdner Banks, which are also MG shareholders, would contribute almost half of the new credit, hundreds of millions of marks more than originally planned.

Meanwhile, IG Metall, Germany's most powerful trade union, issued a warning that a strike could be unavoidable this year, despite signs from other sectors of union moderation on pay. While employers are pressing for a zero deal, IG Metall, which covers the metals, cars and engineering industries, has offered to reduce its 5.5 per cent demand, in return for job guarantees.

Chiroscience to float

CHIROSCIENCE, the Cambridge pharmaceutical company, is to raise £35 million when it floats on the stock market later this month. The company, which is expected to have a market capitalisation of about £100 million, hopes to raise £25 million from institutional investors, with the balance coming from the public. It has yet to make a profit and expects to be loss-making for a number of years. However, in the year to February 28, 1993, it had revenues of £1.6 million. For the six months to August 31, revenues were £1.34 million.

BAA passenger record

A BUSY December at BAA lifted passenger traffic through its seven airports by 5 per cent for last year, to a record 80.8 million. Last month, passenger traffic was up 6.6 per cent on the year, at 5.5 million. Heathrow showed a 5.9 per cent increase in 1993, but Stansted, London's third airport, saw the fastest growth at 14.5 per cent. Gatwick achieved only 1.1 per cent growth. Air transport movements at BAA airports increased 2.5 per cent to 866,056 last year, while cargo tonnage rose 10.4 per cent to 1.13 million tonnes. Tempus, page 27

Fisher buys in US

ALBERT Fisher, the fresh food and processing group, is to acquire certain assets of Fresh Western Marketing, the American produce supplier, for £32.8 million. Fisher will pay an initial consideration of $7.8 million in cash, representing book value. A further $25 million is payable in cash depending on profits to August 31, 1998. Fisher claimed the deal would be earnings-enhancing in the first year. Fresh Western will bring patented technology for extending the shelf life of fresh produce. Tempus, page 27

Pittencrieff demerger

PITTENCRIEFF, the oil, gas and mobile communications group, has proposed the demerger of its 54 per cent owned subsidiary, Pittencrieff Communications. It wants to divorce the traditional oil and gas business from the mobile communications arm, which was floated separately in America last June. Pittencrieff first announced the possibility of such a reconstruction last November. It is intended that the new oil and gas company will apply for a listing on the London Stock Exchange.

Low & Bonar changes

IAN Macpherson has stepped down as chairman of Low & Bonar, the packaging group based in Dundee, through ill-health. Hugh Laughland, a non-executive director of the company, takes over as temporary chairman until a permanent successor is appointed. Mr Macpherson, 58, chairman of Low & Bonar since 1990 and a director since 1987, was also a former chairman of the Stock Exchange committee that looked into the future of the Unlisted Securities Market.

Triton Energy offer

TRITON Energy Corporation, the US oil and gas developer that owns just under 60 per cent of Triton Europe, is to pay £12.5 million for the rest of the shares. The recommended bid values each Triton Europe share at 37.5p, and the whole company, based in The Netherlands, at £30.9 million. The offer is 87.5 per cent above the 20p closing price for a Triton Europe share last Friday, the last dealing day before yesterday's announcement. The offer will be through the issue of Triton Energy convertible preference shares.

COMMERZBANK

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By virtue of the authority (authorized capital Section 202 ff Aktiengesetz) granted at the Annual General Meeting of 27th May, 1992 of Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft (hereinafter referred to as Commerzbank), its Board of Managing Directors has resolved, with the consent of the Supervisory Board, to increase the share capital by DM 150,000,000 to DM 1.590,269,750 through the issue of 3,000,000 new shares in bearer form of par value DM 50 each, ranking for dividend from 1st January, 1994.

The issue of new shares has been underwritten by Bayerische Vereinsbank AG, Munich, with the obligation to offer DM 144,027,000 new shares to the shareholders of Commerzbank in the ratio of 1 for 10 at the price of DM 315 per new share. The remaining amount of DM 5,973,000 in new shares are excluded from the subscription right of the shareholders and will be sold in the market for the benefit of Commerzbank.

The subscription rights (Security Code No. 803 206) will be traded and listed with official quotation on all German stock exchanges and can be traded under Rule 535.4 of the London Stock Exchange, from 24th January, 1994 to 3rd February, 1994 inclusive.

Application has been made for the new shares to be listed with official quotation on all German stock exchanges and will be made to the London Stock Exchange for the new shares to be admitted to the Official List.

The new shares (Security Code No. 803 201) are represented by a global certificate deposited with Deutscher Kassenverein AG, Frankfurt am Main. The subscribers will receive credit to the account of a common depository for their new shares. No claims for the delivery of individual share certificates may be made until the new shares enjoy the same dividend entitlement as the old shares. After the shareholder's meeting on 27th May, 1994, printed share certificates will be available upon request.

Copies of the English translation of the Subscription Offer and the Listing Particulars are available on request at the offices of the London Subscription Agents, S.G.Warburg & Co. Ltd. and Commerzbank AG, London Branch.

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Unilever to sell stake in Falcon

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

UNILEVER, the Anglo-Dutch detergents to food group, is selling its stake in Falcon, the Swedish beer and soft drinks joint venture, for an undisclosed sum.

The 55 per cent stake in Falcon, which has annual sales of £110 million, will be sold to Nordic Capital Svenska, a Swedish company specialising in restructuring projects and management buyouts.

The proceeds of the sale of the shareholding, which Unilever acquired in 1985, will appear as an extraordinary profit in the first quarter of its profit and loss account.

Unilever said it would hold on to its 9.9 per cent stake in Bryggeri AB Falken, the other partner in the joint venture. It added that expansion into the Swedish soft drinks market was no longer a priority and that it intended to concentrate on its food businesses.

Last year, Unilever spent about £750 million on acquisitions in the food sector, including the American ice cream business of Kraft General Foods and Ortiz-Miko, the French frozen food company.

Banesto shortfall 'is 35% higher'

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

THE financial shortfall at Banco Español de Crédito (Banesto) is 675 billion pesetas (£3.1 billion), 35 per cent more than the estimate made by the Spanish central bank after it took charge of Banesto on December 28.

The management team installed at Banesto, Spain's fourth biggest bank, under Alfredo Sáenz Abad, vice-president of Banco Bilbao Vizcaya, found while scrutinising Banesto's books to prepare a rescue plan that the gap to be plugged was wider than expected.

Banesto declined to confirm the new estimate for the shortfall before publication of its rescue plan. But the figure has been broadcast on state television. The new figure is bigger because the new management investigated areas left untouched by central bank inspectors, such as the small loans portfolio, operations abroad and treasury stock.

Mario Conde, the ousted Banesto chairman, and members of his deposed board, plan to step up legal action against their removal by the central bank, if an initial appeal does not succeed. Rafael Perez Escolar, a former Banesto director and ex-judge, said on Sunday. He said action might also be initiated against Señor Sáenz's management team, which comes from rival banks.

Pedro Solbes, economics minister, has told Banesto shareholders they will have to pay their share of the rescue, and that the state will not help.



Conde: stepping up action

LWT silent on US West link-up

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

SOURCES close to LWT (Holdings), the London ITV broadcaster fighting a £681 million bid from Granada Group, were insisting last night that the company was not scouring the world entertainment business for a "white knight," in the light of City scepticism over a possible link with a US telephone company.

Neither LWT nor US West, based in Denver, Colorado, would comment on reports that the American firm, the largest player in the UK cable television field, could take a substantial stake.

The City was not prepared to write off an eventual link. But the belief is that talks are at an early stage and little can be agreed until the bid is more advanced and the date has passed when Granada can launch any final bid.

LWT is denying suggestions that a variety of "white knights" are being canvassed, even though other names, including Walt Disney and Time-Warner, have been mooted.

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'Time ripe' for more management buyouts

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

MANAGEMENT buyouts are set to soar this year. A biannual review of the UK marketplace by the corporate finance staff of Ernst & Young, the accountants, shows there has never been a better time for management contemplating a buyout, with interest rates at their lowest level for many years, the competition from trade buyers remaining limited, and a substantial equity appetite for deals.

Richard Haycocks, a partner in Ernst & Young's management buyout team, said that as the UK comes out of recession, management buyout teams are in a strong position to see substantial growth in their equity. He quoted Crest Packaging as an example. Four Crest managers who bought out the company from Bowater in 1985 for around £5 million, brought it to market in November last year, at a market capitalisation of £54 million.

The buoyancy of the stock market is the main factor tempering management buyout activity. Mr Haycocks said: "If a company is trading on a very high price/earnings ratio, when it is selling something it has to replace the lost earnings. This makes a lot of companies reluctant to sell."

He said areas where buyouts are strong are in distressed sales and disposals for strategic reasons — particularly as conglomerates dispose of non-core firms, pointing to Hanson's sale of SLD Pumps last year.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

ABTRUST SCOT INV (Int)
Pre-tax: £378,000
EPS: 0.90p (0.03p)
Div: Nil
Last time's revenue was £11,000. The net asset value rose to 38.0p (34.3p). Total revenue advanced to £538,920 (£177,447).

AEROSPACE ENG (Int)
Pre-tax: £127,000
EPS: 0.12p (0.19p)
Div: 0.25p (0.25p)
Last time's profit was £109,000. Turnover fell to £7.72m (£13.6m). Gearing reduced to 50% (71%). Trading conditions remain difficult.

CHARTWELL GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax: £51,000
LPS: 0.6p (1.5p)
Div: —
There was a loss of £137,000 last time. Company said it is still seeking to identify a substantial acquisition opportunity.

COLORVISION (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.26m Loss
LPS: 4.0p (EPS: 0.5p)
Div: 2.5p (2.5p)
There was a profit of £153,000 last time. Turnover slipped to £26m (26.7m). Market share declined to 3.1% in second quarter, from 3.7%.

COURT CAVENDISH (Int)
Pre-tax: £450,000
EPS: 2.34p (1.69p)
Div: 1.35p
Last time's profit was £86,000. There was an exceptional charge of £600,000. Turnover grew to £7.2m (£6.9m). Total beds rose to 1,537.

PEEL HOLDINGS (Int)
Pre-tax: £2.21m (£1.64m)
LPS: 0.61p (0.95p)
Div: 1.3p (1p)
Turnover rose to £33m (£32.2m). Company is cautious on prospects. Surplus space still abounds and competition for tenants is fierce.

SOUNDTRACS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £615,587
EPS: 4.09p (2.45p)
Div: 1.48p, mkg 2.4p
Last time's profit was £350,385. Last time's total dividend was 2.2p. Turnover rose to £5.51m (£4.11m). Company confident on prospects.

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Improved half year results

Half year to 30 September	1993	1992	% increase
Turnover £m	65.6	40.7	+61%
Profit before tax £m	5.2	3.7	+41%
Earnings per ordinary share of 5p	6.9p	6.3p	+9.5%
Dividend per ordinary share of 5p (net)	1.9p	1.8p	+5.6%

- Performance of Arthur Lee, acquired 16 June 1993, exceeded expectations.
- Enlarged group order intake in the last three months higher than in the corresponding period last year.
- Assets per share increased by 7% to 113p.

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☐ A new deal for small firms would help banks ☐ The PIA must focus on its biggest challenge ☐ No accounting for a split

Paved with good intentions

☐ AN ALICE in Wonderland quality permeates the Bank of England's report on banks' poor relations with small business and its exposition last night by the Governor. Everyone is to blame and therefore no-one is to blame. Next question please. Where do we go from here? Answer, we all try harder. That's all right then.

There is, to be fair, more to the conclusions of the Bank's paper on finance for small firms than that. But they do rely rather too much on generalities and good intentions. Lenders should be better trained and there should be more of them. True. Indeed, bank shareholders would surely have deserted in droves before disaster struck had they realised that a typical lending manager might have up to 400 small businesses on his books. The old-style bank manager might be able to manage that, but only because he knew from experience which to bother about and could keep a constant casual weather eye on what was happening on the ground in his locality. Fast-moving managers in "specialist business centres", whether or not aided by computer-based systems to "help them analyse balance sheet sensitivities" could surely not. That is progress. But if that is the way the banks want it, let them do it their way. The important thing is that they should commit the resources appropriate to their own long-term commitment to the sector. Over-burdened portfolios bespeak an era when banks suddenly switched lending to small business, then fashionable, only to have understandable second thoughts three or four years later.

The second crucial way to improve small business finance is to tailor it to the needs of the borrower. Some banks have really been thinking about this and some are developing integrated small busines packages. That is a real advance that all should follow fast. The Bank report suggests customers are the conservative force wedded to overdrafts. That is probably because longer-term loans are typically much more expensive and carry ill-structured repayment schedules. Why? If confidence is to be given to smaller businesses, banks should at least have published schedules of margins over base rate for various types of loan, reflecting their own specified assessment of risk, rather than fill in the blanks according to taste. While British banks are not in the business of providing equity, they might to advantage play a bigger part in organising it, either as conduit for individual angels or as sponsors for funds linked to their own lending. Factoring and related services can surely also play a much bigger role, since small businesses would be foolish to set much store by legislation on late payment — a bright idea past its sell-by date if ever there was one.

In short, having abolished their old structure of professionalism, banks need to create a new one. Now that really would be a good intention.

Forgotten pawn in battle for the PIA

☐ NEARLY every day, or so it seems, Fimbra sends out notices suspending, terminating (and occasionally restoring) the trading licences of one or more of its 6,000 members. In five years, one in nine member firms has had its authorisation under the Financial Services Act revoked for rule breaches, often connected with financial strain, and a third of the membership has gone. This is truly the sharp end of financial regulation.



For this self-regulatory organisation, often seen as the Cinderella of SROs, elevated intellectual arguments over technicalities, or high-level lobbying over policy, are not the stuff of life. It is the hard grind of checking credentials and paperwork, often of small, financially unsophisticated firms. Fimbra has had the hardest job, regulating the kind of firms whose occasionally disastrous collapses first spawned the call for legislation that became the FSA. It has also had the least adequate financial resources, having to be supported by Lautro, regulator of the big, wealthy life assurance companies. Indeed, in an echo of the Act's origins, it was the need to seek some solution to Fimbra's financial plight that led to the proposed formation of the Personal Investment Authority.

Viewed from that standpoint, the PIA seems an even odder animal. It will be the poshest of all SROs. The endless arguments over its formation are battles between the big battalions such as banks, insurance companies and building societies. They have little to do with Fimbra members. They are battles over principles and policy — arguments about whether the big firms are so powerful and confident that they can keep riding roughshod over the Securities and Investments Board and stick to selling rules no longer acceptable to consumer interests — as the pension transfer issue has demonstrated. Hence the bizarre solution, rightly questioned by leading insurance groups, that practitioners should form a minority of the board of a supposed self-regulator.

Nothing in the PIA's formation so far suggests it will devote its highest priorities to nitty gritty regulation of the sort demonstrated by Fimbra's heavy fallout rate. It is premature to condemn on that ground. The recent rows stem from the need to get the PIA show on the road. That was why the consensual Sir Gordon Downey was effectively ousted from the PIA chair. Yet the result may be that the PIA falls by the wayside, presumably paving the way for straightforward statutory regulation. That may be no bad thing.

Goodwill: back to the drawing board

NOT a good start for David Tweedie's pre-Christmas proposals for a new standard to account for goodwill — the excess of an acquisition's price over its fair book value. His Accounting Standards Board was split and offered a range of alternatives, inviting comments on two favoured options. Now Touche Ross, in its timely response, effectively rejects the very basis of the ASB discussion paper and therefore all its options. This is no maverick reaction. Its main author is Ken Wild, who chairs the financial reporting committee at the Institute of Chartered Accountants and is generally thought a sound man.

The board's members split essentially on the same lines that technical accountants have been split for years. But they did manage to agree on one thing: that intangible assets such as brand names, airline slots or publishing rights were merely goodwill and even that patents should have no book value beyond the cost of obtaining them. Mr Wild and Touche Ross rightly say this does not make sense. The test of whether an asset has a value separate from a business should not be whether you can touch it. A whisky brand is easier to separate from a distilling business than, say, an airport from an airport business. And it should be no harder to value than anything else whose value rests on its specific earning power, such as a public house.

By excluding intangible assets from the balance sheet, the board increases the amount of goodwill to be accounted for. Since everyone agrees goodwill is an accounting oddity and that there is no agreed or wholly satisfactory way of treating it, the board is exaggerating the importance of an insoluble problem. This seems a daft thing to do.

Lucas reveals enquiry at American subsidiary

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

LUCAS Industries says that it has been co-operating with United States defence and justice officials for the past 18 months in an investigation concerning test procedures at Lucas AUL, its American subsidiary, but emphasised yesterday that to date there have been no criminal charges.

The automotive and aerospace components group said that the United States investigation involved products from a missile testing and a hand-held radio company that Lucas bought in the late 1980s for $11 million, and that full provision for any claims that might arise had already been made in group accounts.

Lucas does not dispute suggestions on Wall Street of a claim for $20 million for missile launch components that were allegedly not tested properly.

"Lucas considers that a settlement of the claim is likely, as is customary in such cases, and this is covered by appropriate provisions already made in previous years," the official announcement to the Stock Exchange in London said.

In the group's 1993 accounts, there was a total £108 million item for provisions, of which £56.3 million was designated "other provisions", within which was an amount to cover "warranty and other claims". Lucas declined to break this figure down.

Lucas said that "the wheels grind slowly in these matters" in America, and it did not know when the next development might be. Yesterday was its first public admission of an investigation.

It had "directed" analysts to potential problem areas within its aerospace activities in the United States when last it addressed them in October. Lucas shares yesterday rose 2p to 211p.

Lucas and the United States authorities both said that there is no connection between the products under investigation and the so-called "friendly fire" incidents in the Gulf conflict in 1991.

The group said that the test procedures which the United States authorities are examining were "in place" at the time the companies were bought in the 1980s, and that group officials had been readily co-operating with the authorities for the past 18 months.



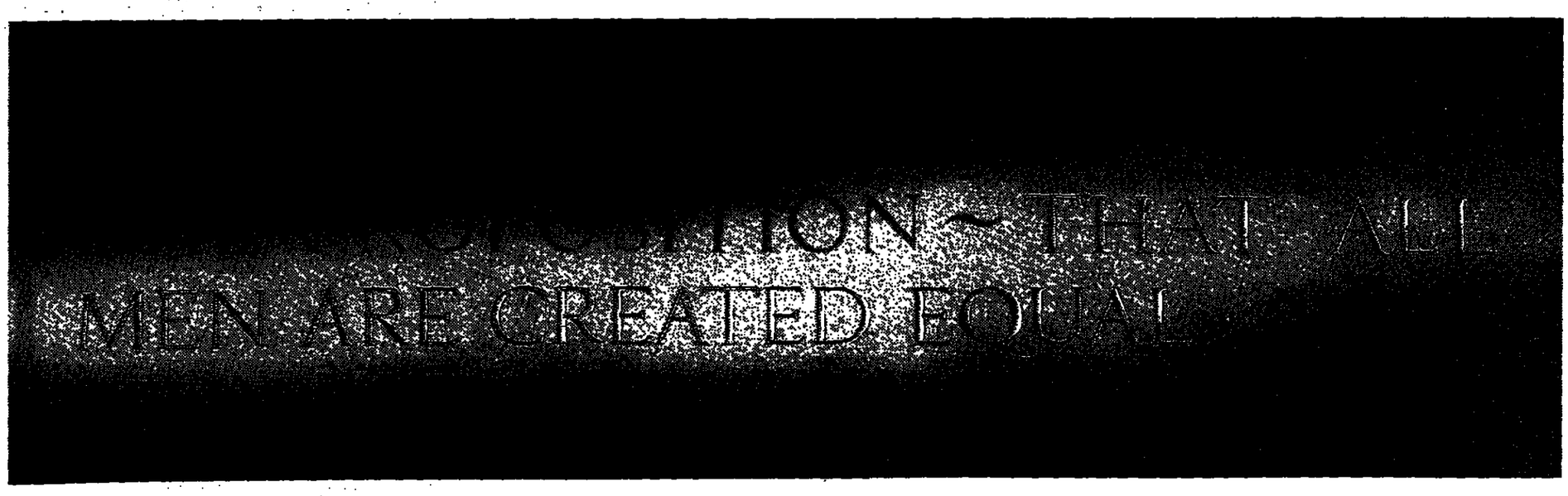
Chris Ivory of Dalepak Foods, profits of which slumped in the six months to October

Dalepak cuts payout after price squeeze

PRICE pressure from retailers and higher raw material costs in frozen foods forced Dalepak Foods to cut the payout, as pre-tax profits plunged from £1.6 million to £29,000 for the six months to October 31 (Susan Gilchrist writes). The payout is cut from 1.5p to 0.5p. The company, of which Chris Ivory is chief executive, said in October that it would only break even.

Turnover in the core frozen foods business fell by 13 per cent. The retailers' squeeze accounted for four percentage points of that and a reduction in unprofitable promotional activity for the remainder. The sales fall, combined with an 11 per cent increase in raw material costs, pushed the division into a trading loss.

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Second-line shares reach new highs

STOCK MARKET

LEADING shares closed below their best of the day after news of early losses on Wall Street, but second-liners hit new highs, helped by persistent institutional support.

The FT-SE 100 index saw an early lead of more than 20 points at the start of the new account frittered away in the late afternoon. It ended 7.2 points ahead at 3,407.8.

But the FT-SE mid-index of 250 companies ended up 33.1 points at a new closing high of 3,948.8. Turnover was a healthy 808 million shares.

Reuters rose 18p to a new peak of £19.02 after meeting brokers in London on Friday to talk about Quotron, its new acquisition. Some brokers expect the shares to breach the £20 level this account.

Guinness fell 11p to 463p on the back of profit downgradings by both Warburg Securities and Nomura.

Racal Electronics rose 5p to 204p, helped by some nosey buying. Speculators claim recent disappointing figures may provide the springboard for a predator to make a move.

British Aerospace fell a further 10p to 414p. The shares have been a flat market for the past week. Dealers fear the company is about to announce it has lost a major contract.

By contrast, **Lucas Industries** advanced 3p to 211p. The company admits it is cooperating with the US Government about an investigation into test procedures at AUI, its subsidiary. Claims are likely to follow, but provisions for such an event were made some years ago.

Eastern Electricity has become the first of the distributors to start buying back its own shares. It has bought 1.2 million shares at prices ranging from 641p to 644p and has shareholder permission to acquire up to 5 per cent of the issued share capital, or 13.5 million shares, worth about £90 million at current levels.

LWT (Holdings) gained 1p at 668p after refusing to be drawn on claims that it was in talks with US West that would see the American group taking a sizable holding in the shares in order to fend off the unwanted £700 million bid from Granada. **Granada** finished 1p higher at 552p.

Colorvision, the electrical retailer, fell 15p to 100p after plunging into the red at the half-way stage. It reported a pre-tax loss of £1.26 million (£153,000 profit).

Fears of a cross-channel price war have been revived just days after it was decided that the pricing structure of **Eurotunnel** was unlikely to cause too many problems for the ferry operators.

The Government's decision to invest £1.5 billion to step up the high-speed rail link between the tunnel and London left Eurotunnel 32p lower at 578p amid concern the ferry companies will now cut their prices to attract motorists. **P&O** closed 5p dearer at 635p.

Soundtracs, the USM-quoted leisure industry equipment specialist, climbed 7p to 80p after hoisting first-half, pre-tax profits from £350,385 to £615,587 with the introduction of new products. The group is on the lookout for further acquisitions.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** gilts opened lower on the back of the latest industrial production figures, but later rallied. The march series of the Long Gilt firmed a couple of ticks to £118 7/32 with 39,000 contracts completed. Longer dated securities were subdued before today's announcement about the next auction, which is expected to see at least £3 billion of Treasury 6½ per cent 2010 issued.

Treasury 9 per cent 2012 eased three ticks to £124 15/32, while at the shorter end, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 added £5/32 at £115 5/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** US blue chips maintained small losses in midday trading amid a modest bout of profit-taking. George Pirrone, senior trader at Dreyfus Corp, said that the Martin Luther King holiday, a winter storm in New York, and the strong earthquake in southern California were all mitigating forces. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 5.35 points at 3,861.85.

MICHAEL CLARK



ANTHONY HARRIS

The inner logic of Lord Out

The headline on the latest market briefing from UBS screams "Consumer Comeback". A market bull might suppose that it was pointing out the next fashion boom. But you may remember consumer shares are generally seen as defensive, and many brokers have urged a switch out of defensive shares as the recovery gains strength. Then remind yourself that Bill Martin of UBS is decidedly at the gloomy end of the macro-forecasting spectrum. By now you may be wondering what is going on.

Just what you might expect, given these reminders. This briefing is a micro analysis from Roger Barker. It is packed with charts and equations; unpack it, and the underlying message is not upbeat at all. What Barker shows is that consumer shares out-perform handsomely when consumer spending is a high proportion of GDP and when inflation is low. Since we are over-consuming, as shown by the weak trade balance, and as inflation is low, you might just write "QED", and think about something else.

Wait a minute, though. Why should consumer shares outperform in these circumstances? First, because when consumption is a high proportion of GDP, everything else must be a low proportion; in other words, weak investment and weak net exports. This is the statistical picture of a depressed economy; and Barker is recommending the consumer sector because it is defensive. Low inflation rubs this message in. This favours consumer shares because mainly they keep lean stocks and turn capital over quickly.

This means that they rely less than their rivals on the notional profits and capital returns which inflation generates. Stock appreciation is the most obvious, and probably fools few analysts. But inflation also leads to low depreciation charges, since capital stands in the books at historic costs. The "earnings" which result are in fact a disguised capital distribution; when low inflation removes this distortion, the music stops. Bad news for everyone, but not nearly so bad for Tesco, say, as for British Aerospace.

In short, this entire analysis is not an announcement of good news, but of less bad news; it is a better hole argument. This is not an attempt to undermine Barker — he seems to agree with this gloss on it. What is more, he agrees with the logical conclusion which follows: "outperform" does not mean the same thing as "perform". It may mean no more than that in a falling market, consumer shares will fall less than the others. A useful insight, but not quite the message which nervous investors are longing to hear as they watch the gyrations of a market which is widely believed to be over-valued.

What they are seeking in increasing numbers is any market anywhere which might still be thought to be under-valued. This is the fundamental philosophy of Lord Out, that seeker after unfashionable shares, who has done so well in the last two years in banks and property. The trouble is that Lord Out relies on being in a minority; when his lead is followed by a crowd, the unfashionable is suddenly the height of fashion, and Lord Out takes his profits and looks for something else. Banks and property are surely overdone by now. IBM may or may not be about to return from the dead, but one share does not a strategy make. That is why the Out tribe is so interested in emerging markets.

Is it again too late to follow the crowd? As a group, the more established of these markets, which broadly went sideways in 1992, shot up by 66 per cent last year as the bargain-hunters descended; some, like Turkey and Poland, did very much better. Those who like to get in on the ground floor are already taking their profits and eyeing still more outlandish territories, notably in Africa, the last remaining dark continent in investment terms. Then there are the European countries which got largely left out last year.

High risk? Of course; there is no reward without risk, and explorers must do their homework. But Lord Out does offer one rule of thumb: the higher they rise, the further they fall, and the higher they bounce again. That is his core philosophy.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.4922 (+0.0007)
German mark .... 2.6191 (+0.0075)
Exchange index .... 82.7 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .... 3407.8 (+7.2)
Dow Jones .... 3861.85 (-5.35)*
Nikkei Avg .... 18725.37 (-248.33)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5½%
3-month interbank 5 7/16-5 5/16%
US Federal Funds .... n/a
3-month Treas Bills 2.97-2.96%*
Long Bond 6.29%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4920*	£:$	1.4915
$:DM	1.7550*	£:DM	2.6182
$:SWfr	1.4795*	£:SWfr	2.2072
$:Ffr	5.9530*	£:Ffr	8.8790
$:Yen	111.30*	£:Yen	166.01
£:SDR	1.0871	£:ECU	1.3465

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 392.60 .... PM 392.30
Close 392.20-392.70
New York:
Comex 392.45-392.95*

OIL

Brent Crude .... $14.15 per bbl (Mar)

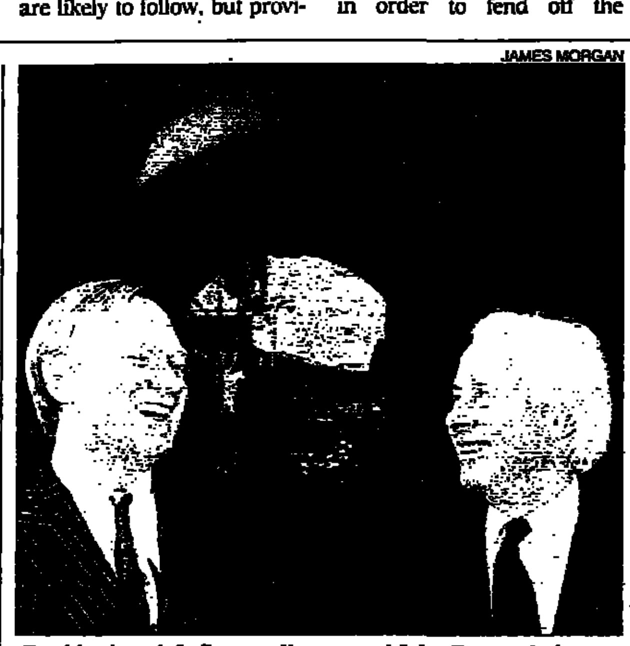
RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 141.6 Nov (1.4%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.29	2.09
Austria Sch	19.29	17.79
Belgium Fr	57.44	53.04
Canada $	2.080	1.920
Cyprus Cyp£	0.810	0.780
Denmark Kr	10.69	9.89
Finland Mkk	9.13	8.33
France Fr	9.29	8.59
Germany Dm	2.76	2.55
Greece Dr	396.00	371.00
Hong Kong $	12.17	11.17
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2630.00	2475.00
Japan Yen	180.50	163.50
Malta	0.623	0.568
Netherlds Gld	3.065	2.835
Norway Kr	11.80	11.00
Portugal Esc	273.00	254.50
S Africa Rd	5.90	5.00
Spain Pta	221.00	207.00
Sweden Kr	12.76	11.96
Switzerland Fr	2.34	2.16
Turkey Lira	22890.0	21890.0
USA $	1.588	1.468

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.



JAMES MORGAN

David Adam, left, finance director and John Ewart, chairman

Lee takeover boosts profits at Carclo

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

CARCLO Engineering, which completed a £55 million all-share bid for Arthur Lee, the steel and plastics group, last June, said Lee's contribution for the six months to September 30 had far exceeded expectations. Turnover of the enlarged group rose 61 per cent, to £65.6 million, and pretax profit jumped by 41 per cent to £5.19 million.

John Ewart, the chairman, said the order intake of the enlarged group in the past three months had been higher than in the corresponding period of last year. He added that Carclo was determined to increase net earnings and the dividend, though trading conditions in certain markets remained difficult. The interim rises from 1.8p to 1.9p.

Carclo's card clothing division suffered from competitive conditions, and operating profit in the half year fell 11.7 per cent to £1.4 million. General engineering operating profits were 20.1 per cent lower on a barely changed turnover of £11.4 million.

Arrthur Lee interim operating profits were £3.3 million (£1.4 million), while profits from steel operations trebled, to £2.2 million.

Shake-up for Ashley board

A board shake-up is announced at Ashley Group, with Hamish Grossart succeeding James White as chairman on February 7.

Bill Macdonald, operations director, becomes managing director, and Robert McNeil, chairman of the main window blinds company, becomes group deputy chairman. John Langlands is to be financial director.

Nice Touche

Touche Remnant Property Investment Trust has doubled its money on its 29 per cent stake, originally worth about £1million, in Edge Retail Investment Company (Eric). Eric has raised £32.5 from its portfolio, acquired for £22.2 million.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Hambros	429p (+21p)
Kleinwort Benson	638p (+25p)
Provident	518p (+12p)
Barratt Devs	252p (+14p)
MJ Gleeson	933p (+13p)
Adam & Harvey	363p (+35p)
Hepworth	492p (+13p)
A Kershaw	803p (+18p)
Security Serv	812p (+15p)
Osborne & Little	289p (+24p)
Sappi	481p (+10¼p)

FALLS:

Guinness	463p (-11p)
Redland	588p (-10p)
Inchcape	538p (-10p)
ICI	762p (-13p)
Sunrise Eng Sv	145p (-40p)
Ranger	330p (-10p)
Eurotunnel Uts	578p (-32p)

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WALL STREET

	Jan 17 midday	Jan 14 close
AMP Inc	62⅝	62⅜
AMR Corp	70⅝	71¼
Abbott Labs	29⅝	29⅝
Aetna Life	56⅝	58⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	19⅝	19⅝
Air Prod & Chem	47⅛	46⅞
Albertson's	25⅝	25⅝
Alcan Alumnm	22⅝	22⅝
Alco Standard	58⅝	58⅞
Allied Signal	77⅛	77⅛
Alum Co of Am	73⅝	73
Amax Gold Inc	7⅛	7⅛
Amerada Hess	46⅝	46⅝
Amer Brands	35⅝	35⅝
Amer Cyanamid	49⅝	49⅝
Amer El Power	35⅝	35⅝
Amer Express	31⅛	32
Amer Genl Corp	29⅝	28⅝
Amer Home Pr	64⅛	64⅝
Amer Intl	84⅛	85⅝
Amer Stores	43	43⅝
Amer T & T	55⅛	54⅛
Ameritech	74⅛	75⅛
Amoco	53⅞	53⅛
Anheuser-Busch	49	49⅝
Apple Computer	31⅛	31
Archer Daniels	24⅝	24⅛
Arkla	8	8
Armco	6⅛	6⅛
Armstrng Wrld	53	53
Asarco	23⅝	23⅞
Ashland Oil	38⅝	38⅝
Atl Richfield	107⅛	107⅛
Auto Data Pro	53⅝	53⅝
Avery Dennison	28⅝	28⅝
Avon Products	53⅛	53⅛
Baker Hughes	21⅛	21
Baltim Gas & El	24⅛	24⅞
Banc One	38	38⅛
BankAmerica	48⅛	48⅞
Bank of NY	57	57⅝
Bankers Tr NY	78⅛	78⅛
Barnett Banks	40⅝	40⅛
Bausch & Lomb	49⅝	50⅛
Baxter Intl	24⅝	24
Becton Dicknsn	36	36
Bell Atlantic	54⅝	55⅛
BellSouth	56⅝	56⅝
Black & Decker	19⅝	20⅛
Block (H&R)	42⅝	42⅝
Boeing	44⅛	44⅝
Boise Cascade	26⅛	26⅛
Borden Inc	15⅛	15⅛
Bristol Myrs Sq	58⅛	58⅝
Browning Ferris	27⅛	28⅝
Brunswick	18⅛	18⅛
Burlington Nthn	59⅛	60
CBS	291	293
CNA Financial	76⅝	78
CPC Intl	48⅛	48⅛
CSX	87⅛	88
Campbell Soup	39⅝	40⅛
Can Pacific	17⅝	17⅝
Cptl Cities ABC	630⅛	627½
Cptl Holdings	35⅝	36⅛
Carolina Pwr	28⅝	28⅝
Caterpillar	91⅛	90⅝
Central & SW	29⅝	29⅛
Champion Intl	34⅝	34⅛
Chase Manhat	35⅝	35⅝
Chemical Bk	41⅛	41⅛
Chevron Corp	90⅝	89⅛
Chrysler	60⅛	61
Chubb Corp	76⅝	77⅛
Cigna Corp	63⅝	64
Citicorp	41⅛	42⅛
Clorox	53⅝	53⅛
Coastal Corp	28	27⅝
Coca Cola	42	42⅝
Colgate-Palmolive	60⅛	60⅛
Columbia Gas	22⅝	22⅝
Commonw Ed	26⅝	27⅛
Compaq Comp	79⅝	79⅛
Comp Ass Int	43⅝	43⅛
Conagra	26⅛	26⅛
Cons Edison	30⅝	30⅝
Cons Nat Gas	45⅛	45⅝
Cons Rail	67⅝	68⅝
Cooper Inds	50⅝	50⅝
Corning Inc	31⅛	31⅛
Crown Cork	38⅝	37⅝
Dana Corp	58⅝	58⅛
Dayton Hudson	68⅛	68⅝
Deere	78⅝	76⅝
Delta Air Lines	56⅛	57
Deluxe Corp	37⅝	37⅛
Detroit Edison	29	29⅝
Digital Equip	36⅝	37
Dillard Dept St	35	35⅝
Disney (Walt)	47	47⅝
Dominion Res	42⅛	43⅛
Donelley (RR)	30⅝	31
Dover Corp	60⅝	60⅛
Dow Chemical	59⅝	58⅛
Dow Jones	38⅝	38
Dresser	21⅛	21⅛
Duke Power	41⅛	42⅛
Dun & Brdstreet	62⅝	62⅝
Du Pont	52⅝	52⅝
Eastman Kodak	45⅛	45⅛

	Jan 17 midday	Jan 14 close
Eaton Corp	55⅛	55⅝
Emerson Elec	62⅛	62⅛
Engelhard Corp	26	26⅛
Enron Corp	30	29⅝
Ethyl Corp	18⅛	18⅛
Exxon	65⅛	64⅝
FMC Corp	48⅛	48⅝
FPL Group	36⅛	37
Federal Express	75⅛	76
Fed Nat Mtge	80⅛	80⅝
First Chicago	43⅛	42
First Interstate	68⅛	69⅝
First Union Rlty	10⅛	10
Fleet Finl Grp	34⅛	34⅝
Fluor Corp	41⅛	41⅛
Ford Motor	67⅝	68⅛
GTE Corp	34⅛	34⅛
Gannett	58⅛	57⅝
Gap Inc Del	42⅛	42
Gen Dynamics	92⅛	92⅛
Gen Electric	106⅛	106⅛
Gen Mills	58⅛	60
Gen Motors	60⅛	61⅛
Gen Reinsurance	103⅛	104⅛
Gen Signal	35⅛	35⅛
Genuine Parts	38⅛	39⅛
Georgia Pac	73	73⅛
Gillette	60⅛	61⅛
Glaxo ADR	20	20
Goodrich (BF)	41⅛	42⅛
Goodyear Tire	48⅛	47⅛
Grace (W&R)	41⅛	42⅛
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25	24⅛
Great Wstn Fin	20⅛	20⅛
Halliburton	33⅛	32⅛
Harcourt General	36⅛	37⅛
Heinz (HJ)	35⅛	35⅛
Hercules	108⅛	109⅛
Hershey Foods	47⅛	48
Hewlett Packard	87⅛	87⅛
Hilton Hotels	63⅛	64⅛
Home Depot	38	37⅛
Homestake Mng	24⅛	24
Honeywell	33⅛	32⅛
Household Intl	33	33
Houston Inds	44⅛	44⅛
Humana	18⅛	18⅛
ITT Corp	92⅛	92⅛
Illinois Tool	41⅛	41⅛
INCO	27⅛	27⅛
Ingersoll Rand	38⅛	38
Inland Steel	35⅛	36⅛
Intel Corp	67⅛	68⅛
IBM	57⅛	58⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	114⅛	115⅛
Intl Paper	72⅛	72
James River Va	19⅛	20
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44⅛	43⅛
K Mart	19⅛	19⅛
Kellogg	55⅛	56
Kerr-McGee	45⅛	45⅛
Kimberly-Clark	52⅛	53
Knight-Ridder	58⅛	57⅛
Lilly (Eli)	59⅛	59⅛
Limited Inc	17⅛	17⅛
LIN Brdcstng	108⅛	107⅛
Lincoln Nat	41⅛	42⅛
Litton	69⅛	69⅛
Liz Claiborne	22⅛	22⅛
Lockheed Corp	65⅛	65⅛
Louisiana Pac	42⅛	42⅛
MCI Commun	26⅛	26⅛
Marriott Int	28⅛	28⅛
Marsh & McLnn	82	82⅛
Masco Corp	36⅛	36⅛
May Dept St	39⅛	40⅛
Maytag Corp	18⅛	18⅛
McCaw Cellular	52⅛	52⅛
McDonalds	57	57⅛
McDonnell D	110⅛	109⅛
McGraw Hill	68⅛	69⅛
Mead Corp	47⅛	46⅛
Medtronic	82⅛	82⅛
Mellon Bk	54⅛	55⅛
Melville Corp	39⅛	39⅛
Merck Inc	36⅛	36⅛
Merrill Lynch	41⅛	42⅛
Minnesota Mine	108⅛	110
Mobil Corp	79⅛	78⅛
Monsanto	78⅛	79⅛
Morgan (JP)	70⅛	71⅛
Motorola Inc	99⅛	99
Natl Medical	14⅛	14⅛
Natl Semi	18⅛	18⅛
Natl Service Ind	26	25⅛
Navistar Int	26⅛	26⅛
NBD Bancorp	29⅛	29⅛
NY Times A	28⅛	28⅛
Newmont Mng	59⅛	58⅛
Niag Mohawk	19⅛	19⅛
Nike B	51⅛	52⅛
NL Industries	5	5
Nordstrom	35	35⅛
Norfolk Sthrn	72⅛	72⅛
Nthn State Pwr	42⅛	42⅛
Norwest Corp	24	24⅛
Nynex Corp	39⅛	40
Occidental Pet	17⅛	17⅛
Ohio Edison	21⅛	21⅛
Oracle Systems	33⅛	33⅛

	Jan 17 midday	Jan 14 close
Oryx Energy Co	18⅛	17⅛
Owens Corning	42⅛	44⅛
PNC Financial	28⅛	29
PPG Industries	75⅛	75⅛
Paccar Inc	57⅛	58
Pacificorp	18⅛	18⅛
Pac Enterprises	22⅛	23
Pac Gas & Elect	32⅛	33
Pac Telesis	55⅛	55⅛
Pall Corp	18⅛	18⅛
Panhandle East	23⅛	23⅛
Paramnt Comm	78⅛	78⅛
Parker Hannifin	37⅛	38⅛
Penney (JC)	52⅛	52⅛
Pennzoil	53⅛	53⅛
Pepsico	39⅛	40
Pfizer	67⅛	67⅛
Phelps Dodge	53	52⅛
Philadel Elec	29⅛	29⅛
Philip Morris	57	57⅛
Phillips Pet	29⅛	28⅛
Pitney Bowes	42	41⅛
Polaroid	35⅛	35⅛
PriceCostco	18⅛	17⅛
Procter & Gmbl	57⅛	57⅛
Pub Serv E & G	30⅛	30⅛
Quaker Oats	66⅛	66⅛
Ralston Purina	37⅛	37⅛
Raychem Corp	38⅛	38
Raytheon	66⅛	66⅛
Reebok Intl	33⅛	33⅛
Reynolds Metals	48	48⅛
Roadway Srvcs	63	63⅛
Rockwell Intl	38⅛	37⅛
Rohm & Haas	59	59
Royal Dutch	106⅛	106⅛
Rubbermaid	32⅛	32⅛
Safeco Corp	53⅛	54⅛
St Paul's Cos	86	85⅛
Salomon Inc	45⅛	45⅛
Santa Fe Pac	24⅛	24⅛
Sara Lee Corp	24	24⅛
Scecorp	19⅛	19⅛
Schering Plough	66⅛	66⅛
Schlumberger	60⅛	59⅛
Scott Paper	42⅛	43
Seagram	29⅛	29⅛
Sears Roebuck	52⅛	53⅛
Shell Trans	64⅛	64⅛
Sherwin Wlms	33⅛	34
Skyline Corp	20⅛	20⅛
Snap-On-Tools	40⅛	40⅛
Southern Co	42⅛	42⅛
Sthwestern Bell	38⅛	38⅛
Sprint Corp	35⅛	35⅛
Stanley Works	42⅛	42⅛
Sun Company	31⅛	31⅛
Sun Microsys	29⅛	28⅛
Suntrust	45⅛	45⅛
Supervalu	38⅛	38⅛
Syntex Corp	15⅛	15⅛
Sysco Corp	28	28⅛
TRW Inc	70⅛	70⅛
Tandem Comp	11⅛	11⅛
Tandy Corp	44⅛	44⅛
Telecom Corp	3⅛	3⅛
Teledyne	26	25⅛
Temple Inland	52⅛	52⅛
Tenneco	55⅛	55⅛
Texaco	65⅛	65⅛
Texas Inst	72⅛	72⅛
Texas Utilities	39⅛	39⅛
Textron	59	59⅛
Time Warner	39⅛	40
Times-Mirror	35⅛	35⅛
Timken	34⅛	34⅛
Torchmark	45⅛	45⅛
Toys R Us	39⅛	39⅛
Transamerica	56⅛	56⅛
Travelers	39⅛	39⅛
Tribune	59⅛	59⅛
Tyco Labs	51⅛	51⅛
UAL Corp	144⅛	145⅛
UST Inc	28⅛	29⅛
USX Marathon	17⅛	16⅛
Unilever NV	114⅛	113⅛
Union Camp	49⅛	50
Union Carbide	23⅛	23⅛
Union Pacific	66⅛	67
Unisys Corp	13	13⅛
USAIR Group	13⅛	14
USF&G Corp	14⅛	15
US Life	38⅛	38⅛
US West	42⅛	42⅛
United Tech	64⅛	64
Unocal Corp	28⅛	29⅛
Upjohn	29⅛	29⅛
VF Corp	45⅛	45⅛
WMX Tech	29⅛	29⅛
Wal-Mart Stores	25⅛	25⅛
Warner-Lambert	66⅛	67⅛
Wells Fargo	133⅛	133⅛
Westinghouse El	13⅛	13
Weyerhaeuser	47⅛	47⅛
Whirlpool	66⅛	67⅛
Whitman	16⅛	16⅛
Winn Dixie	49⅛	50
Woolworth	25⅛	25⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44⅛	44⅛
Xerox	91⅛	91⅛

RECENT ISSUES

Aberforth Split Lvl C (100)	100½	...
Abtrust Lloyds Insce (100)	95½	...
CLM Insce (100)	112	+2
Chelsfield (155)	179	-2
DFS Furniture (260)	330	+10
Fairbairn Euro Smlr (100)	98	...
Finsbury Undrwrtng Inv	111	...
For & Col Smaller (100)	115	+½
Friends Prov Ethical (60)	60	...
Friends Prov Uts (120)	122	+1
Friends Prov Zero Pf (60)	61½	...
Gartmore (168)	207	+5
Harmony Leisure Wts	4½	...
Litho Supplies (190)	241	...
Masthead Insce (100)	108	...
NM Smllr Wts	71	+6
Pilot Inv C (100)	110	+3
Rackwood (40)	44	...
Rossmont (10)	11	...
Securitised End Cont (60)	70	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Anglo Irish n/p (48)	15	...
Bemrose n/p (325)	105	...
Cementone n/p (73)	15	...
Europe Energy n/p (5)	8	+2
Halkin n/p (68)	3½	-½
Sheldon Jones n/p (25)	8	...

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	7,900	Cadbury	1,000	MEPC	824	Scot Power	5,000
Abbey Natl	2,600	Caradon	743	Marks Spr	3,000	Sears	6,200
Alld-Lyons	1,600	Carlton Cms	1,300	NFC	157	Svrn Trent	1,000
Anglian W	209	Coats Vyla	1,500	NatWst Bk	3,000	Shell Trans	2,400
Argyll Gp	4,000	Cm Union	1,800	Nat Power	3,400	Siebe	386
Arjo Wiggn	908	Courtaulds	1,900	Nth Wst W	571	SmKl Bch	2,600
AB Foods	184	Enterpr Oil	328	Nthrn Fds	1,300	Smith Nph	1,100
BAA	441	Forte	3,500	P & O	1,700	Southern Elec	331
BAT Inds	3,900	GRE	1,700	Pearson	213	Std Chartd	281
BOC	507	GUS	268	PowerGen	1,200	Sun Allnce	3,600
BP	5,600	Gen Acc	2,800	Prudential	1,500	TI Gp	1,200
BTR	5,800	Gen Elec	3,800	RMC	366	TSB	7,400
BT	8,700	Glaxo	5,100	RTZ	2,800	Tesco	17,000
Bk of Scot	514	Granada	2,900	Rank Org	2,100	Thames W	1,000
Barclays	5,200	Grand Met	5,200	Reckitt Col	265	Thrn EMI	1,900
Bass	3,100	Guinness	5,600	Redland	1,400	Tomkins	4,400
Blue Circle	2,100	HSBC	2,100	Reed Intl	1,300	Unilever	2,600
Boots	2,000	Hanson	6,600	Rentokil	422	Utd Bisc	818
Bowater	1,500	ICI	1,400	Reuters	821	Vodafone	2,000
Brit Aero	2,500	Inchcape	525	Rolls Royce	2,600	Warburg (SG)	526
Brit Airwys	8,100	Kingfisher	1,300	Ryl Ins	941	Wellcome	2,700
Brit Gas	6,500	Ladbroke	3,600	Ryl Bk Scot	778	Whitbread 'A'	333
Brit Steel	8,400	Land Secs	537	Sainsbury	2,000	Wlims Hld	1,300
Burmah Cast	372	Legal & Gn	766	Schroders	67	Wolseley	197
Cable Wire	2,400	Lloyds Bk	3,600	Scot & New	1,100	Zeneca	534

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3861.85 (-5.35)
S&P Composite .... 473.36 (-1.55)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 18725.37 (-248.33)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 10792.92 (+18.67)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 422.93 (+2.31)

Sydney: AO .... 2238.2 (+31.9)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2137.36 (-4.44)

FT 30 share: .... 2615.7 (+3.4)

Brussels:
General .... 7604.50 (+12.67)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2231.84 (-30.41)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 715.60 (+6.60)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1697.81 (+6.43)
FT Non Financials .... 1808.86 (+6.23)
FT Gold Mines .... 250.3 (+4.6)
FT Fixed Interest .... 131.54 (-0.10)
FT Govt Secs .... 105.75 (-0.02)
Bargains 38498
SEAQ Volume 808.3m
USM (Datastrm) .... 158.60 (+0.15)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 10	January 21	April 7	April 18

Calls on 17/1/94: Aegis, Arcon, Auto Secs Prf, Benson Crisps, Bluebird, Burton, Caverdale, Coal Inv, Com-Tek, CRP Leis, Dart, Eagle Mining, Ennex, Kleinwort Ben, Mid-States, Nat Home Loans Prf, Nurdin & Peacock, PizzaExpress, Psion, Sleepy Kids, Spring Ram, TR Tech, Waverley, Wilshaw, WPP. Puts: Dart, Eagle Mining, Wilshaw. Puts & Calls: Arcon, Fisons, Ladbroke, Shandwick.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 94	3424.0	3439.0	3404.0	3412.5	12177
Previous open interest: 71328	Jun 94	3428.0	3443.0	3427.0	3427.0	105
Three Month Sterling	Mar 94	94.65	94.69	94.65	94.68	9016
Previous open interest: 418090	Jun 94	94.79	94.85	94.79	94.83	10836
	Sep 94	94.77	94.84	94.77	94.83	6194
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 94	96.59	96.59	96.59	96.58	60
Previous open interest: 10257	Jun 94				96.28	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 94	94.43	94.47	94.43	94.44	9979
Previous open interest: 846993	Jun 94	94.88	94.92	94.87	94.88	12972
Long Gilt	Mar 94	118-01	118-15	117-30	118-07	40628
Previous open interest: 104305	Jun 94	117-20	117-23	117-20	117-19	74
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	117.10	116.05	115.55	115.62	2952
	Jun 94				114.66	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	100.64	100.72	100.52	100.55	51416
Previous open interest: 159317	Jun 94	100.56	100.60	100.55	100.51	56
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	103.23	103.24	103.18	103.19	231
Previous open interest: 9928	Jun 94					0
Three month ECU	Mar 94	94.03	94.05	94.00	94.02	760
Previous open interest: 36199	Jun 94	94.54	94.56	94.52	94.53	140
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 94	96.22	96.23	96.17	96.21	2422
Previous open interest: 53577	Jun 94	96.49	96.51	96.48	96.51	658
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	118.20	118.46	117.95	118.07	26258
Previous open interest: 85512	Jun 94	118.36	118.39	118.33	118.17	324

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 82.7 (day's range 82.5-82.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 17	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.9252-2.9319	2.9283-2.9318	⅛pr-⅛dis	¼pr-par
Brussels	54.44-54.60	54.46-54.57	7-11ds	23-29ds
Copenhagen	10.1090-10.1420	10.1260-10.1420	1⅝-1⅞ds	1⅝-3⅛ds
Dublin	1.0440-1.0475	1.0442-1.0472	6-9ds	16-21ds
Frankfurt	2.6119-2.6199	2.6165-2.6199	⅛-⅛ds	¼-⅜ds
Lisbon	262.53-263.86	262.53-263.16	133-145ds	344-365ds
Madrid	214.06-215.17	214.06-214.36	74-85ds	178-198ds
Milan	2538.20-2549.60	2542.60-2546.60	6-8ds	17-20ds
Montreal	1.9672-1.9730	1.9672-1.9701	0.34-0.27pr	0.57-0.47pr
New York	1.4910-1.4933	1.4910-1.4920	0.33-0.31pr	0.82-0.79pr
Oslo	11.2450-11.2800	11.2450-11.2610	⅛pr-1⅛ds	⅛pr-⅞ds
Paris	8.8600-8.8880	8.8720-8.8860	⅞-1⅛ds	1⅝-2⅛ds
Stockholm	12.1010-12.2410	12.1010-12.1250	2-3⅛ds	4⅛-6⅛ds
Tokyo	165.75-166.14	165.87-166.14	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Vienna	18.34-18.43	18.39-18.43	⅛-⅛ds	1⅛-⅞pr
Zurich	2.1996-2.2106	2.2056-2.2087	⅛-⅛pr	⅞-⅞pr

Source: Extel — Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4885-1.4911
Australia dollar	2.1438-2.1484
Bahrain dinar	0.5555-0.5675
Brazil cruzeiro *	575.06-576.65
Cyprus pound	0.769-0.779
Finland marka	8.362-8.478
Greece drachma	371.0-378.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.5261-11.5354
India rupee	46.29-47.25
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4395-0.4495
Malaysia ringgit	4.0756-4.0799
Mexico peso	4.57-4.67
New Zealand dollar	2.6682-2.6749
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5245-5.6505
Singapore dollar	2.3992-2.4024
S Africa rand (fin)	6.3558-6.4350
S Africa rand (com)	5.1026-5.1106
U A E dirham	5.488-5.532

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4367-1.4388
Austria	12.33-12.34
Belgium (Com)	36.51-36.55
Canada	1.3194-1.3204
Denmark	6.790-6.795
France	5.9525-5.9575
Germany	1.7543-1.7553
Hong Kong	7.7248-7.7258
Ireland	1.4245-1.4275
Italy	1704.3-1705.8
Japan	110.95-111.05
Malaysia	2.7315-2.7325
Netherlands	1.9644-1.9654
Norway	7.5485-7.5535
Portugal	176.33-176.63
Singapore	1.608-1.609
Spain	143.7-143.8
Sweden	8.129-8.139
Switzerland	1.4805-1.4815

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5½ Finance Hse 5½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¼ Low 3 Week fixed: 5¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth 5. Sell: 2 mth 5; 3 mth 4 15/16.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅛-5	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Interbank:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Overnight: open 5¼, close 3					
Local Authority Deps:	5⅛	n/a	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Dollar CDs:	3.07-3.04	n/a	3.15-3.12	3.32-3.29	3.66-3.63
Building Society CDs:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 31, 1993. Agreed rates Jan 26, 1994 to Feb 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.65%. Reference rate Dec 1, 1993 to Dec 31, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 5.375%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅜-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅛	6⅛-5⅞
French Franc:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6-5⅞	7⅛-6⅛
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-4	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-3⅞	3⅞-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1⅞	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Bank of Commerce)

Bullion: Open $392.80-393.20 Close $392.20-392.70 High: $392.80-393.20
Low: $390.05-390.55 Krugerrand: $390.00-394.00 (£261.00-263.50)
Sovereigns: Old $89.00-92.50 (£60.00-62.00) New $89.00-92.50 (£60.00-62.00)
Platinum: $392.65 (£263.15) Silver: $5.32 (£3.565) Palladium: $124.90 (£83.70)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon	650	12½	36	46	8½	25½	41½
(*654)	700	1½	15	24½	49	56	72½
Argyll	300	5½	23½	30	5	16½	25½
(*303)	330	1½	11	17	29	35	43½
ASDA	60	4	8	11	1½	4½	6½
(*62½)	70	1	4	6½	8½	11	13
Boots	550	23	41	53	2½	15½	26½
(*569)	600	1½	18	28	33½	43	53½
Br Airways	460	29½	46	56	2	14½	23
(*487)	500	5	22½	35	17½	31½	43½
BP	360	11	25	33½	4	15½	21
(*366)	390	1½	11½	20	26	33½	38
Br Steel	120	6	12	17	1½	6½	11
(*124½)	130	1½	7	11½	7	12½	15½
C & W	500	14½	33½	49½	7	22	32
(*506)	525	4½	22	35½	23	35½	46
CU	650	29½	41½	57½	2½	18½	27
(*674½)	700	3	17	33	29	47½	54½
ICI	750	19	41	56	7	39	48½
(*761)	800	2	19	34½	42½	72½	79
Kingfishr	700	28	55½	69	5½	22½	33½
(*722½)	750	3	31	45	33	47	60
Land Sec	700	47½	62½	71	1	8	10
(*744½)	750	6½	28½	39	12½	26½	42½
M & S	420	37	46½	51½	1	6	12
(*455½)	460	5½	23½	27	9½	21	28
Nat West	600	12	28	42	8	31	38½
(*603)	650	1½	14	22½	49½	66½	71½
Sainsbury	460	18	37	46½	3	15½	26
(*476)	500	1½	17½	27½	27½	37	48
Shell	700	28	39½	51½	2	19	27
(*724½)	750	2	14	29	28½	49	54½
Smkl Bch	420	14	33	46	6½	23½	32
(*427½)	460	1½	16½	29	35½	47½	55½
Storehse	220	15½	21	28½	1½	6½	11½
(*233)	240	2½	11½	17	9½	16	21½
Trafalgar	97	4½	11½	16½	4	9	12½
(*97½)	106	2	7½	12	11	15	17½
Unilever	1150	31½	57	77	5	33½	48
(*1175)	1200	5½	30	52	30	61½	72
Zeneca	800	43½	62	79½	3	26½	38½
(*839½)	850	10½	33½	54	22	54	65

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Grnd Met	460	34½	47	55½	6	15	19
(*486)	500	11	24	33	24	33½	38
Ladbroke	200	14½	21½	29	6	18	23
(*205½)	220	5½	12½	19½	20½	30½	35
Utd Bisc	360	26½	32	38½	5½	16	22
(*378½)	390	9	16	24	19½	33	39

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
BAA	1000	49	77	95½	2	20½	34
(*1044)	1050	12	47½	66½	16½	41	56½
Thames W	550	40	53½	62	1	10½	22
(*587)	600	4	22½	32½	17½	29	48

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAT Ind	500	30½	39	47	7	22	31½
(*520)	550	6½	15	23½	33	53	61½
BTR	360	15	22½	31	9	19½	24
(*364½)	390	3½	9½	18	29	38½	42½
Br Aero	390	35	46	61	9½	20	32
(*414)	420	14½	34½	46½	23	38½	48
Br Telcm	460	17	28	36½	8	14½	22½
(*466½)	500	3½	10½	17½	36	38½	45½
Cadbury	493	44½	49	—	3	12½	—
(*531)	542	11½	19½	—	19½	36½	—
Guinness	460	18	28	37	15½	28	35½
(*462)	500	4	12	21½	43	56	61½
GEC	330	11½	19½	25	9	14½	21
(*331)	360	2	7½	12	31	33½	40
Hanson	260	18	22	25	2½	7	10½
(*274½)	280	6	11	15	10½	16½	20½
LASMO	120	11	18	23	7	12½	17
(*124)	130	7	13	18	13	18	23
Lucas	200	16½	23	28½	4½	10½	14½
(*210½)	220	6	12½	18½	15	21½	25
Pilkngtn	180	17	23	27½	3½	8½	12½
(*192)	200	5½	12	17	13½	18½	22½
Prudential	360	14	20½	26½	9	19	24
(*363½)	390	3	5	14	29½	40	43
Redland	550	49	58	65	5½	21	28½
(*589½)	600	19	29	38½	24½	46	54
Royal Ins	317	17½	—	—	8	—	—
(*326½)	346	5	—	—	34½	—	—
Tesco	220	22	27	31½	4½	10½	13
(*237)	240	8½	14½	21	11½	20½	22
Vodafone	550	57½	76½	91	9	21	32½
(*596)	600	25½	49	64½	27	43	56
Williams	390	19½	28½	35	7½	18½	23½
(*400)	420	6	14	22	25	36½	40½

FT-SE INDEX (*3407)

	3300	3350	3400	3450	3500	3550
Calls						
Jan	108	62	25	7	2	1
Feb	136	99	67	43	26	15
Mar	155	119	90	65	44	30
Apr	172	139	109	85	63	48
Jun	209	—	148	—	100	—
Puts						
Jan	2	8	25	58	108	158
Feb	24	37	56	83	117	159
Mar	43	58	79	104	135	171
Apr	60	77	96	122	151	196
Jun	87	—	124	—	177	—

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat	500	33	41	51	15½	23	31½
(*517½)	550	9	18½	29	40½	52½	59½
Amstrad	45	5	7	9	4½	6	7½
(*45)	50	3	5	7	7½	9	11½
Barclays	600	31	42	54	26	33	43
(*606½)	650	11	21	32½	59	64	72½
Blue Circ	360	25	32	42½	16	27	35
(*365½)	390	11½	19½	29	33½	45½	53
Br Gas	330	19	24½	28½	8	17	20½
(*337)	360	6	10	15	26	36½	39
Dixons	220	19½	27½	30½	9	14	20½
(*227½)	240	10½	17	21	20½	24½	32
Forte	280	17	22½	30	14	22	26½
(*281½)	300	8	14	21	26	34	38
Hillsdwn	180	16	19	23	6	13½	15½
(*187)	200	6½	9½	14	17½	26½	28
Lonrho	140	13½	19	24½	9	13½	16½
(*145)	160	5½	11	16½	22	26	29
Sears	120	6½	11	13½	5	8	9½
(*122)	130	4½	6½	9	11½	14½	16
Thrn Eml	1050	57½	83½	99½	24	37	55
(*1073½)	1100	31	56	72½	49½	61½	84
Tomkins	260	15	27	31	9	13	18½
(*266½)	280	7½	17	22	20½	24	29½
TSB	260	17½	25½	31½	9½	15½	21
(*269)	280	9	16	22½	22	27	32
Wellcome	650	45	63	80½	30½	47½	57½
(*657½)	700	23	39½	57½	60½	76	86½

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Glaxo	650	54½	76½	87½	32½	47	61½
(*672½)	700	31	53	64½	61	73½	89½
HSBC	900	51	74	87½	52	70	79½
(*903)	950	31	53½	67½	84	100	109
Reuter	1900	107	154	187½	89	113	137
(*1917½)	1950	81	128	161	115½	138	161½

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
R-Royce	156	13½	—	—	4½	—	—
(*164)	176	4	—	—	16	—	—

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Fisons	140	17	24	30½	12½	19	22
(*143)	160	9	14½	22½	25	31½	35½

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Eastrn Elc	600	50	63	73½	4½	12½	22½
(*642½)	650	16½	31	43½	22	30	45½

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Natl Pwr	460	29	40½	50	18½	29	37
(*466½)	500	12	24	32½	42½	52½	61
Scot Pwr	420	33	43½	52	9½	15	23
(*444½)	460	12	23	32	29½	35½	43½

January 17, 1994 Tot: 43814 Call: 27490 Put: 16324 FT-SE Call: 5088 Put: 6534
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

COMMODITIES REPORT: London cocoa and coffee futures both ended the day quietly firm, but limited interest meant prices remained within existing ranges. Sugar was more active towards the close than of late, whites sliding back in technical liquidation. Wheat and barley futures finished a thin session with mixed prices as the market sought fresh direction.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	930-929	May	1005-1000
May	937-936	Jul	1012-1005
Jul	950-948	Sep	1023-1010
Sep	962-961	Dec	1040-1015
Dec	977-976		
Mar	991-990	Volume:	2795

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	1195-1194	Sep	1200-1199
Mar	1199-1198	Nov	1202-1198
May	1201-1200	Jan	1202-1198
Jul	1198-1196	Volume:	1468

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Oct	10.98-11.30
Spot: 258.20		Jan	10.83-11.50
Mar	10.56-10.70	Mar	10.90-11.35
May	11.10-11.25	May	10.90-11.36
Jul	11.28-11.49	Volume:	256

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	293.9-81.7
Spot 290.7		Dec	283.4-79.7
Mar	286.5-87.6	Mar	284.4-80.7
May	288.9-87.6	May	287.3-81.8
Aug	293.9-92.5	Volume:	3304

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 17

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	67.40	98.17	121.94
(+/-)	+2.84	-2.67	-0.47
Eng/Wales:	67.60	98.36	121.81
(+/-)	+3.21	-1.53	-0.44
(%)	+29.3	-20.8	-41.9
Scotland:	55.45	96.99	123.90
(+/-)	-13.84	-6.46	-0.15
(%)	-68.6	-63.0	-61.3

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	..	Mar	unq	..
Sep	unq	..		Volume:	0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jan	99.55
Mar	100.70
May	101.70
Jun	102.15
Sep	91.30
Volume:	109

BARLEY (close £/t)

Jan	104.25
Mar	105.45
May	106.50
Sep	92.75
Nov	94.50
Volume:	63

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	
Dec	
Feb	
Apr	
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	140.0
Apr	108.0	105.8
May	125.0	124.8
Volume:		298

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)

Feb 61.00-61.50

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1835.0-1835.5	1856.0-1857.0	1768850
Lead ($/tonne)	499.50-500.00	512.00-513.00	172575
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1015.5-1016.0	1035.0-1035.5	537100
Tin ($/tonne)	5070.0-5075.0	5120.0-5125.0	39935
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1200.0-1200.5	1219.0-1219.5	1650300
Nickel ($/tonne)	5819.0-5821.0	5880.0-5885.0	83970

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Crude levels maintained an upward momentum due to cold weather in the US and in North West Europe.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	14.35	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Feb)	14.30	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Mar)	14.15	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	15.15	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	15.30	+0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	145 (n/c)	148 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	154 (+3)	156 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Feb	157 (+1)	160 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Mar	155 (..)	157 (..)
3.5 Fuel Oil	60 (+3)	62 (+3)
Naphtha	130 (+1)	133 (+1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Feb	152.00-52.25	May	146.75 BID
Mar	150.00-50.25	Jun	146.50 BID
Apr	147.75 BID	Jul	147.50-47.75
		Vol:	21558

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	14.14-14.15	Jun	n/a
Apr	14.20-14.22	Jul	14.60 BID
May	14.30 BID	Vol:	32032

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Feb	146.00 SLR	May	n/a
Mar	n/a	Jun	n/a
Apr	n/a	Vol:	0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 94	1245	1245	1244
Feb 94	unq	unq	1289
Mar 94	1300	1300	1305
Apr 94	1330	1310	1314

Vol: 52 lots Open intrst: 2635 Index 1242 +2



The success story of the Sony Corporation illustrated by just two of the ten final assembly lines of the company's Walkman plant in Sakato

No room for Bransons or Sugars on Japan's boards

Joanna Pitman says that Japan's rigid business culture will not allow the likes of Sony's Akio Morita to flourish today

When Akio Morita, chairman of Sony Corporation, was rushed to hospital last month with a brain haemorrhage, Japan's business and government communities were instantly united in concern and sympathy for the 72-year-old entrepreneur.

Mr Morita may be making a slow if uncertain recovery, but his incapacitation has brought into sharp focus an issue with which the country's governing and business elites have been quietly concerned for some time: the lack in Japan of new generations of inventive as well as innovative and entrepreneurial brains in his mould.

Sipping their whiskies in dimly lit hostess bars on the night the news broke, grey-suited "corporate warriors" responsible for the economic future of the country, waxed lyrical about Mr Morita, ruing the withdrawal from the domestic business world of Japan's most celebrated entrepreneur and from the international arena of an eloquent spokesman for the country.

While Sony officials still claim confidently that Mr Morita will be back at work in due course, many suspect his long and unique career has effectively drawn to a close. "It is tragic but true — I cannot think of any innovative thinkers of his ilk coming up on the horizon. We just don't seem to produce the truly entrepreneurial maverick types — the Richard Bransons and Alan Sugars — that we should," said one fan of the Morita success story.

It was in a very different Japan of almost half a century ago that Mr Morita pooled $500 with an engineering colleague to found Sony in a bombed-out Tokyo department store. Mr Morita's determination, imagination, verve, individuality and business flair have all been built up into the stuff of legend in Japan, not least through highly effective public relations, but nobody can deny he was largely responsible for shaping the company into the internationally renowned electronics giant with $34 billion annual sales of today.

As the eldest son of a wealthy saké brewing family, Mr Morita had been groomed from childhood to take over the family business; however, his obsession with electrical engineering proved too strong. Sony's first product, an electric rice cooker, failed, but four years later Sony bought the rights to an American invention called the transistor and adapted it in a way its originators had never imagined — in radios small enough to fit in a pocket. With this coup Sony began winning its reputation for innovation and selling products all over the world that people had never realised they wanted.

In the 1960s, Sony transformed video tape recorders — another US invention — from huge machines into compact transistorised models and then a decade later into the VCR. By the late 1970s, Sony had established itself in the US market, and in the early 1980s European and other international investments followed. Mr Morita has since involved himself in wider business and political issues, attempting to calm fractious relations between Japan and its trading partners and creating a reputation for himself as Japan's Prince Charles for his lofty, though not necessarily irrelevant, observations. He has become a controversial advocate of change in Japanese management practices, going so far as to proclaim publicly that he thought Japanese workers are overworked and underpaid. Over the years, Sony's and Mr Morita's reputation for genuine innovation has been built on highly developed adaptation skills, a reputation which for many outsiders provokes reflection on an enduring myth about Japan — that it is a nation of copycats unable to generate ideas of their own.



Morita: founded Sony with $500

Like most myths, this one contains some truth, which many Japanese privately acknowledge. In the words of a high-ranking director-general at the ministry of international trade and industry: "Until the 1950s Japan had no market economy at all. Its basic industries were built up with government guidance and support for the war effort, leaving no room for independent business or scientific thinkers. In less than 50 years we built up our economy to rival the world, and we now have a market system comparable to those of the US or European countries. But we still have not developed a deeper innovative, inventive, intellectual or philosophical culture to match."

Japan has only ever won five Nobel Prizes for science — a figure that does not compare well with 66 for Britain and the 166 for the US — rubbing in the fact that Japan's rigidly hierarchical corporate structures and fact-cramming education system do not make ideal breeding grounds for freely enquiring minds. Moreover, at least two of Japan's laureates won their prizes several years after leaving home for the less restrictive atmosphere of US research centres. In technology trade, Japan is heavily in the red, paying out far more for other people's ideas in designs, patents and production licences than she does exporting her own, mainly to developing countries in the form of joint ventures in the basic material and processing industries. However, as exemplified by Sony, Japan has proved hard to beat in the development and adaptation of ideas that translate into commercially viable products. Titanium alloys that change shape had been around for years before a Japanese company realised they would make the perfect frame for bras. It also took a Japanese company to realise water-absorbent resins could be used in nappies, as they now are everywhere.

In areas of higher technology, Japanese advances in ceramics, opto-electronics and satellite technology are evidence of a skill that goes far beyond that of the mere copycat. Japanese scientists repeatedly display abilities to analyse, develop, synthesise and envisage ingenious new possibilities. Japanese creativity, therefore, tends to manifest itself in innovation rather than invention. A day seldom passes without the *Nihon Keizai Shimbun*, Japan's leading business newspaper, proclaiming the creation of some new Japanese "epoch-making" product or process. More often than not, the innovation has come on the back of an invention bought in from outside Japan — but then it is usually in innovation that profits lie.

Ever since it began its rapid postwar progress in industrialisation and modernisation, Japan has been fortunate in being able to rely on foreign technological ideas for its innovative purposes. In the 1960s, when MITI introduced subsidies and incentives to encourage technology imports, foreign companies were still battling to get anything past Japan's rigid market barriers. Here they were grateful for an opening, and many Western chemical, electronic and machinery makers gave away crucial know-how then to the same Japanese competitors who are today cutting swathes through the West's markets.

Invention is often far more costly than innovation. The creation of the random access memory, for example, cost huge amounts of money, talent and time in the thousands of failed — but vital — projects that preceded it. It was also invented under a system of conceptual scientific inquiry that is anathema to the Japanese process of strictly goal-oriented R&D.

The Japanese scientific and business community has yet to start paying out such enormous costs — in financial commitment, talent, time and space for freer scientific thought — for its own inventive spirit. Yet its success in all other areas of business development means that sooner or later Japan will have to face up to the challenge to start making its own breakthroughs.

Free-ranging experimentation is inimical to the Japanese ideology of conformism and cultural and social homogeneity where the individual is expected to sublimate himself for the sake of the group. The changes required if Japan is to continue making the pace will not be easy — Japanese people will be asked to modify what they fiercely and proudly protect as their essential "Japaneseness". But a recognition of the necessity for such changes is beginning to sprout. The recent shock to the business world of Mr Morita's illness, has certainly served a purpose. Japan has successfully tackled greater challenges before now. It will doubtless rise to this one.

TEMPUS

On the starting block

FLOTATIONS are a bull market phenomenon, particularly when the vehicle is a subsidiary of a larger group. Managements like independence, and selling shares to a wider public reinforces their control, but stock market launches are expensive and the parent needs a good reason to float off a subsidiary.

The attraction for BTR must be in the price: quoted builders merchants are trading at spectacular multiples in the hope of a profits recovery from the housing recession. Much of this is due to rationalisation at companies such as Meyer and the introduction of better stock control. Beating back costs that were allowed to rise during the late 1980s has enabled the sector to begin to stage a margin recovery. The first signs of movement in the price of construction materials should boost the top line: plasterboard is already rising strongly as is timber on the back of shortages in the US market. Price rises are also coming through in cement, and even the brick manufacturers are starting to test the market.

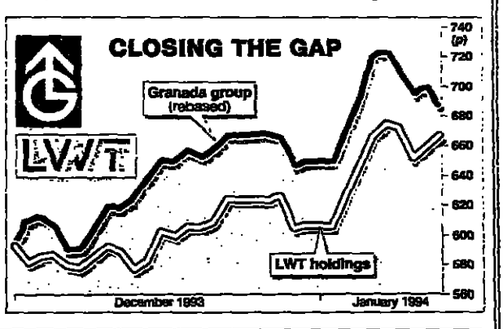
Graham is a collection of different businesses being refocussed at specific markets, while the Goodman Croggan agricultural wholesaler looks the odd man out in the group. Graham may be part of the way along the recovery road led by rivals such as Jewson but the question for investors is how much cream BTR will leave on the plate. Having paid a hefty $820 million for Rexnord, BTR will be keen to push for a high multiple. But unless Graham is capable of getting operating margins of more than 5 per cent on its £375 million in sales, it is unlikely to come near sector forecast multiples of 18 times' earnings.

LWT

ANOTHER day, another white knight, might be the cynical response to the reports, unconfirmed but unlikely to have caused much upset at South Bank TV Centre, that LWT is now talking to US West. Unless and until a firm offer is on the table, investors in LWT should focus on the terms actually on offer from Granada.

The first fact that those investors should take on board is that the battle, which before Christmas seemed to be swinging the bidder's way, is now up in the air. Gerry Robinson of Granada might then reasonably have thought, as the LWT price languished below the shares package on offer, that he would not have to sweeten the offer; the position is now reversed, and LWT shares are 12p ahead of the terms. It is significant, therefore, that the decision to stop the bid clock while the OFT deliberates on the combined group's share of airtime sales was at the instigation of Granada, which would otherwise seem to have an interest in allowing the bid to close as soon as possible. Conversely, the extension was opposed by LWT, which should have been expected to want as long a delay as possible to allow any "white knights" to emerge. In all this, Granada has deliberately acted to ensure it will be able to improve on the offer once all the facts, including the OFT's report, are known.

That improved offer now looks inevitable, if Granada is to win the day.



BAA

STEADY growth in air traffic comes as a mixed blessing for BAA, as it settles into the heated planning arguments over the proposed fifth terminal at Heathrow. Local opposition to the development is mounting, while estimates of traffic growth suggest Heathrow could run up against capacity restraints well before the expected arrival of the new terminal after 2000.

Heathrow is BAA's golden goose, and bumper profits from airport retailing are thanks to its success in capturing the gateway to Europe. That position has made Heathrow the most profitable airport anywhere for airlines because of its high-yielding passengers. Some 30 per cent of Heathrow's traffic is transit passengers but there are rivals within Europe, including Schiphol in Amsterdam and Charles de Gaulle in Paris eager to steal the business.

The success of Heathrow has in part been achieved by the poaching of business from Gatwick and BAA has attempted to lure airlines back to Gatwick with lower rents and charges, but Heathrow's hub is worth more to airlines than the concessions. Failure to get its fifth terminal could be a serious blow; faced with capacity problems, leading international carriers would be unlikely to switch their flight paths to Gatwick or Stansted when Charles de Gaulle is beckoning.

TR Property Trust

A PLAY on property shares today is in large part a bet on how quickly assets will rise in value to meet the expectations built into share prices. Share price premiums have risen so far that even the smaller players such as Burford are trading at 20 per cent premiums to forecast net asset values one year out.

Touche Remnant Property Investment Trust could provide an answer to investors who want cheaper exposure. The company is invested in more than a dozen smaller quoted property shares and is trading at about its net asset value of 38p.

Smaller companies will outperform the majors this year and TR could be a beneficiary.

Albert Fisher

THERE seems to be no respite in the steady stream of American acquisitions from Albert Fisher. The strategy of making bolt-on acquisitions to build dominant positions in regional markets continues unabated with the company now snapping up certain key assets of Fresh Western.

Although this target is based in California, a market which has struggled badly in recent years, it builds on Albert Fisher's already strong position there. Moreover it operates in the fast growing and higher margin business of pre-cut salads. Fresh Western also brings access to useful patented technology for extending the shelf life of fresh produce, which can play an important role in reducing costs and/or adding value.

While the group's strategy for America continues according to plan, Europe may prove more stubborn. The price pressures which took their toll on profits last year are unlikely to ease significantly in the short-term. Nevertheless the shares are still an attractive recovery stock.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Roddick boxes too clever

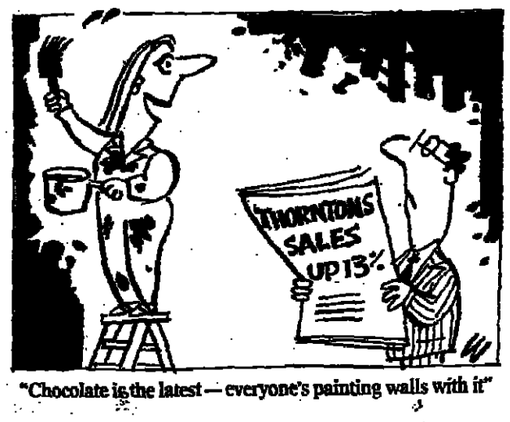
ANITA Roddick, fiery founder of the Body Shop cosmetics group, who earned £561,000 last year, may have miscalculated in deciding to open her warehouse and boxing plant at Littlehampton to public tours. She may even, it seems, be having second thoughts about never advertising to boost business. Roddick's team is offering 27 tours a day, leaving every 20 minutes, but one said there was so little demand recently that there have been as few as only three tours some days. Worse, some have dared to suggest that the tours are really quite boring, with the highlight being a shop called the Trading Post, built in a Wild West design. Over Christmas, the Body Shop gave away 234 free tours through a promotion in a local newspaper. They usually cost £3.50 for adults and £2 for children and pensioners. "Marvel at the warehouse the size of 24 tennis courts," went the blurb. A spokesman at the booking office played down talk of a crisis, saying they were "too busy for words".

Yamaichi secret

CREATIVE award of the new year surely goes to Yamaichi International, the Japanese securities house, which managed to keep details of a festive bash at the Royal Lancaster Hotel in London well and truly under wraps — until now. Some 500 staff and directors who turned up for the Christmas party were confronted by a police car, blue flashing lights, men in dark glasses and hats — you guessed it, the Blues Brothers. Star of the occasion, which featured walls rising electronically into the ceiling and other bewildering effects, was Ronald Hepburn, head of public relations, who presented the prizes and managed to keep his humour the following morning when 50 children were allowed to crawl all over the dealing room during the firm's annual kiddies' "open day".

Wrong track

BRITISH Rail is adopting some strange marketing techniques as it lurches along the privatisation track. Perhaps to deflect attention from recent steep fare increases, InterCity has produced a glossy brochure offering "money-saving fares" for advance bookings to a range of destinations. Anyone booking from Yorkshire could be in for an interesting ride, judging by the cover photograph of the local edition, which shows a couple walking hand in hand. A keen-eyed reader has traced the picture to New Bond Street Place in the historic city of Bath — which does not rate a single mention anywhere in the brochure. BR could not identify the photograph at first, but later said it was taken in Norwich. Be sure to pack a compass.



"Chocolate is the latest — everyone's painting walls with it"

An inspector calls

HARD-WORKING corporate financier Robert Clinton, the Greig Middleton director rumoured to be a dab hand on the violin — a suggestion he strenuously denies, has been doing a little work on the side. The evidence surfaced in the new series of *The Inspector Alleyn Mysteries* on BBC1 — in the form of his kitchen, bedroom and four-poster bed. Clinton and wife, Joan, were "thrown out" of their Suffolk house for a week last August while the TV crew moved in.

Taxman chips in

SHAKING off the Westminster blues, Chancellor Kenneth Clarke is due at the Bank of England today to launch a £3.5 million nationwide appeal on behalf of the National Deaf Children's Society. The appeal, dubbed The Gold Rush, will see the taxman chip in 33p for every pound donated — a bonus worth a potential £750,000. Eddie George, Bank of England Governor, will be on hand, along with "golden" celebrities including Lord Wyatt, chairman of the Tote, which sponsors the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Mirrored Maxwell

WITH just over a month to go before *Maxwell: The Musical Review*, opens at the Criterion Theatre in London's West End, the pre-launch hype is expanding as fast as the fat man's waistline. On February 11, anyone named Maxwell will be able to claim two tickets for the price of one to compensate for the embarrassment caused. On February 19, free seats will be provided for a politicians' night out — rather like the old days. And the opening night on February 21 will be followed by a massive party during which Harry Ramsden's fish and chips will be served in complimentary copies of the *Daily Mirror*. What better?

FROM a company staff magazine in Alabama: "More of our indoor recreational facilities will get under way during 1994. The ladies' choir has started rehearsals, and we expect the rifle club to be in action before long."

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTER

Army still offers jobs

From Brigadier C.H. Elliott, Director, Army Recruiting

Sir, Philip Bassett's article "Studying recent form for the Jobseekers Handicap" (January 11) is inaccurate as far as recruiting for the Army is concerned. Although the overall strength of the Army is reducing to 122,000 during the period 1992 to 1995, there is a continuing requirement to recruit. During the next financial year, the Army's recruit targets will increase by about 25 per cent. This financial year, the Army recruited 8,700 soldiers and 600 officers. Next financial year, the Army's targets are 11,200 soldiers, including 1,200 apprentices, and 730 officers. As for part-time Territorial Army (TA) soldiers, their recruiting requirement is steady, although the overall TA manning figure has yet to be decided. For financial year 1995-96, the overall Army recruit figure is expected to rise significantly.

Under current plans, therefore, the Army is expected to meet recruit targets that will be nearly double the current level (16,700, compared with 9,300) over the next two financial years. It is thus wrong to imply that the Army is an occupation "in decline". Moreover, such an implication is clearly not in the national interest. The public must be informed that the Army continues to offer worthwhile careers fundamental to national security, and needs young men and women now and in the future for full-time and part-time jobs.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT,
Director of Army Recruitment,
Ministry of Defence,
Lille Road, SW6.

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Modest gains at the close

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began January 17. Dealings end January 28. §Contango day January 31. Settlement day February 7. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
521	345	Abbey Nat	517	-3	11.8	2.9	19.9
314	170	Allied Irish	309	+3	...	3.4	13.8
232½	130	Aus New Z	232½	+½	...	3.9	∞
3081½	2712½	Bankamerica	3281½	+56½	...	...	...
319	177	Bk of Ireland	315	+4	...	4.0	23.2
375	325	Bk Leumi UK	375	...	17.0	5.7	...
241½	116½	Bank Scotland	221	...	4.6	2.6	30.0
652	362	Barclays	607	+7	...	2.6	...
39½	15½	Cardisle	36	-½	...	...	...
630	505	Cater Allen	630	+4	28.0	5.6	...
197	85	Cattles	175	...	...	3.2	33.3
2487½	1543½	Chase Manh	2300	...	...	...	...
2818½	1343½	Chicorp	2818½	+87½	...	...	...
560	250	Close Bros	560	+10	...	3.5	20.4
£155	£93½	Commerzbk	£143	-11¾	...	2.8	...
1348½	1220½	Deutsche Bk	£134¾	-20¾	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	75 †	+1	1.5	2.5	∞
1651	896	Fuji Bank Y	1161½	-24	...	0.5	...
520	343	Gerrard Nat	498	+6	21.5	5.4	13.2
987	490	HSBC	903	-8	20.0	2.8	21.6
1007	494	HSBC HK	921	-5	20.0	2.7	22.0
428	343	Hambros	428	+21	14.3	4.2	19.9
433	313	Joseph (L)	428	...	16.7	4.9	...
155	96	King Shaxson	138	+3	9.0	8.2	...
639	312	Kleinwort Ben	636	+25	16.7	3.3	22.1
660	492	Lloyds	625	+2	19.1	3.8	17.9
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	105	+9	2.9	3.5	20.8
576½	322	Nat Aust Bk	571½	...	...	4.0	∞
634	398	Nat West	603	+9	17.8	3.7	36.0
518	270	Provident	518	+12	12.4	3.0	22.4
85	39	Rea Bros	65	+1	0.5	1.1	64.1
490	207	Ryl Bk Scot	452 †	+1	...	3.0	20.4
1373	467½	Schroders	1365	...	...	1.1	27.2
1268	576	Stand Chart	1165	-3	20.5	2.2	...
222½	145½	TSB	209	+1	...	3.6	20.8
190	78	Union Disc	167	...	...	...	...
974	529	Warburg SG	954	-1	...	2.6	13.0
8987½	4843½	Wells Fargo	8987½	+193½	...	2.2	...
223	121	Westpac	223 †	+6	...	2.4	∞
325	188	Wintrust	314	...	9.3	3.7	28.1

BREWERIES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
697	517	Allied-Lyons	654 †	+5	...	4.1	18.1
647	441	Bass	587 †	+10	...	4.2	15.9
299	189	Boddington	273	-1	7.5	3.5	15.0
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	404 †	+5	...	3.2	16.2
184	129	Burtonwd Brw	181 †	...	4.7	3.3	15.1
173	73	Eldridge P 'A'	173 †	+4	3.5	2.6	∞
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	63½	+1½	...	4.3	∞
442	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	442 †	...	7.5	2.1	18.9
499	373	Grand Met	487 †	+4½	...	3.1	18.9
476	347	Greenalls Grp	475 †	+4	...	3.2	16.3
575	505	Greene King	548 †	-1	...	2.8	15.3
521	388	Guinness	463	-11	...	3.3	17.3
756	31	Haldin Hldgs	71	...	...	...	55.4
281	230	Hardy Hanson	249 †	+5½	8.5	4.3	∞
138	105	Heavitree	135	...	3.0	2.8	32.2
398	255	Highland Distl	397	+4	...	2.1	19.7
3150	2538	Holt J	3138	-12	42.0	1.7	20.4
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	301	...	...	2.9	17.2
186	118	Macallan-Glen	170	+1	4.3	4.2	29.2
465	365	Macdn Martn 'A'	440	...	...	2.5	21.0
246	164	Mansfield	236	...	...	2.1	16.9
299	231	Marston Thmp	277 †	+1	...	2.5	15.4
588	389½	Matthew Clark	588	...	...	3.9	19.4
300	210	Mrrydwn W	233 †	...	7.0	3.8	20.9
580	455	Morland	533 †	+3	...	2.3	18.3
12	6½	Paramount	10½	...	...	1.8	18.5
257	145	Regent Inns	227	...	...	2.5	23.1
1521½	753½	SA Breweries	1356½	+9½	...	2.0	22.4
572	398	Scot & New	572 †	+9	...	3.7	17.5
225	155½	Taunton Cider	173 †	+1	6.2	4.5	13.5
283	213	Vaux Group	283 †	+2	...	4.2	18.2
381	225	Wetherspoon JD	357	-2	...	1.9	27.7
592	435	Whitbread 'A'	565	-2	...	4.0	13.6
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	595 †	+7	12.6	2.8	∞
530	475	Young 'A'	520	...	14.7	3.5	21.5

BUILDING, ROADS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
185	73	Abbey	185 †	+4	...	1.4	30.4
25½	12	Albrightnn	18 †	...	...	0.7	...
160	87	Allen	160 †	...	...	3.9	36.3
172	65	Amec	127	+3	3.0	3.0	23.5
12	4	Anglia Sec	9½	...	...	...	...
371	150	Ashtead	371	+12	...	1.5	39.2
143	101	Attwoods	137½	+4½	...	4.5	...
360	180	BPB Ind	376 †	+2	...	2.8	40.2
112	57	Baggeridge Brk	112 †	+8	3.1	3.5	∞
34	14	Bailey (Ben) Con	34	+2	0.6	2.2	...
106	74	Barcom	76 †	-1	3.0	4.9	...
56½	32½	Bardon	53	+1½	2.0	4.7	26.1
254	94	Barratt Devs	252	+14	...	2.0	27.1
505	315	Bellway	505 †	+2	12.0	3.0	∞
54	15	Bellwinch	54	...	...	...	...
542	299½	Berkeley Gp	527 †	...	...	1.5	28.4
119	45	Bett Bros	118	...	...	2.1	15.2
68	36	Blockleys	62	+1	1.0	2.0	68.5
371	194	Blue Circle	366	...	...	3.8	...
255	230	Bolt (Henry)	284	...	6.0	2.6	15.9
106	78	Breedon PLC	104	...	4.6	5.5	25.6
134	82	Br Dredging	134	...	5.2	4.9	29.7
96	45	Brit Fittings	80	...	1.7	2.7	...
182	99	Bryant	182	+5	...	3.3	36.7
143	53	CALA	141	...	...	2.4	...
380	200	CRH	380	+3	...	2.3	30.9
43	18	Cakebread Rby	35	...	...	...	...
41½	21	Costain	36½	+7½	...	...	...
173	86½	Countryside	168	+1	...	3.1	∞
105	38	Crest Nicholson	105	+2	0.0	...	...
115	27	Cussins	115	+4	...	1.1	...
25	15	Edmund Hldgs	25	...	...	0.3	15.5
285	178	Epwin	276	...	7.0	3.2	23.4
64	32	Erith	64	+4	0.3	0.7	...
506	252	Eve Group	468	+10	...	2.8	17.6
205	97	Freeman Gp	205	+7	5.0	3.0	32.6
50	38	Galliford	48	...	...	2.6	...
87	52	Gibbs & Dandy	87	...	...	2.9	...
933	695	Gleeson (MJ)	933	+13	...	1.7	16.2
157	75	Hewden-Stuart	157	+2	...	2.2	33.6
51	28	Hewetson	48	+1	...	3.3	35.1
430	173	Heywd Wim	424	-2	13.0	4.0	...
142	37	Higgs & Hill	137	+1	2.5	2.3	...
38	26	How Gp	30	...	...	4.7	...
25	15	Howard Hldgs	25	...	0.5	2.5	...
91	39	Ibstock Johnsen	90	+5	1.0	1.4	...
25	12½	Jarvis	18	+1½	...	...	...
333	196	Laing (J)	333	+4	9.0	3.4	13.3
130½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	130½	+1	...	6.1	...
135	55	Ln Clydeside	135	...	4.5	4.2	50.8
23	10	Lovell (YJ)	12½	+1	...	...	5.7
400	240	Manders	398	...	9.3	2.9	24.4
205	93	Marley	205	+7	4.2	2.6	60.1
140	61	Marshalls	140 †	-4	...	3.6	...
228	122	Maunders (J)	223	...	...	2.9	21.5
284	96	McAlpine (A)	283	-1	6.5	3.1	45.5
64	33	McCarthy & S	64	+9	0.5	1.0	...
549	272	Meyer Int	534 †	-1	...	2.3	53.5
155	62	Mowlem (J)	155	+8	4.0	3.2	...
184	51	NSM	174	...	...	...	...
53	45	Neoller	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
188	106	Newman Tnks	188	+3	...	4.5	25.1
345	197	Persimmon	345	+12	8.6	3.1	35.2
26	9	Phoenix Timber	15	+1	...	...	...
1750	1237½	Pochins	1750	...	29.0	2.1	25.0
194	90	Prowting	186	...	3.4	2.3	...
1038	595	RMC Gp	1037	+10	...	2.4	38.9
117	75½	Raine Ind	95	-1	...	3.4	22.5
36	18	Ramus	23	...	...	...	...
611	402	Redland	588	-10	25.0	5.3	34.2
86	64	Roskel	73	+1	4.3	7.4	10.8
342	207	Rugby Group	321	+7	6.4	2.5	25.0
68	23	Rvea	58	...	...	0.5	...
165	68	Sharpe & Fisher	165	...	...	3.0	28.7
254	80½	Sheffield Insl	254	-1	...	2.7	62.3
258	82	Sheriff Hldgs	258 †	...	...	1.9	24.0
106	66	Shorco	106	...	5.2	6.1	34.1
240	196	Smart (J)	228	...	...	4.7	17.2
6½	1½	Starmin	3½	...	...	...	...
196	100	Tarmac	196	+8	5.5	1.5	...
217	131	Tay Homes	217	+4	...	3.4	26.9
161	63	Taylor Woodrw	161	+6	1.0	0.4	...
653	433	Tilbury Douglas	653	+8	33.0	6.1	21.1
44	19	Totex Hire	44 †	+1½	0.4	1.1	...
335	168	Travis Perkins	335	+4	8.0	3.0	39.0
21	5½	Trencherwood	16½	...	...	...	...
40	25	Try Group	32	...	1.0	3.9	9.1
24	21	Tudor	21	...	0.2	1.5	...
104	41	Vibroplant	104	+3	2.5	3.0	37.4
65	20	Ward Hldgs	55	+1	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	300	Watts Blake	455	...	...	3.3	19.6
23	6½	Wescol	23	...	...	...	...
204	91	Westbury	204	+1	5.0	3.1	31.8
4½	3	Wiggins	4½	...	...	...	...
530	362	Wilson Bowdn	530	+11	...	2.1	36.0
240	147	Wilson (C)	240	+4	3.0	2.0	41.6
212	104	Wimpey G	208	-2	...	3.2	...
47	15	YRM	28	...	0.5	2.2	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	461	ADT	618	...	...	...	...
363	194	Adam & Harvey	363	+35	13.0	4.5	8.6
92	56	Air London	88	...	3.5	6.4	12.1
56	37	African Lakes	44	...	2.0	5.7	...
174	91	Auto Sec	170	+1	...	5.5	24.9
155½	34	BET Ord	154	+2	...	1.8	6.2
135	41	BNB Res	135	...	4.9	4.5	...
315	163	BPP	253	+7	8.3	4.1	14.0
178	154	BSM	161	+1	...	4.5	14.1
295	195	Barbour Index	275	...	8.0	4.3	16.0
28	15	Boustead	22	...	0.7	4.0	...
241	194	Brit Data Mgt	206	...	4.7	2.9	15.0
26	11	Broadcastle	22	...	...	1.4	17.5
73	48	Brooks Service	60	...	...	1.0	...
109	86	CPT Gp	107	...	...	3.4	18.8
243	139½	Capita Group	217	...	...	1.3	31.9
57	31	Cashet Plc	52½	+1	...	2.1	20.2
55	19½	Chiltern Capital	25½	+2½	...	...	...
70	26	Chrysalis	66	...	...	...	...
395	223	Clubb Sec	395 †	+8	...	1.7	24.5
128	93	Comaco	128	+5	...	1.5	33.4
44	6½	Corp Services	42	...	...	...	...
91	20	Courts Crdig	84	-1	...	...	...
174	50	Dart	166	+11	3.3	2.5	22.5
256	198	Davis Service	254	...	...	3.4	19.1
131	85	EW Facts	122	...	4.4	4.6	14.0
32	11	Gardiner	28	+½	0.4	1.9	19.4
305	215	Hays	294	-1	...	1.1	25.6
266	174	Hogg Robinsn	266	+2	...	3.2	19.4
35	14	Holmes Protecn	36	...	...	...	2.7
144	125	Hutch Whamp	29?	-7½	...	1.6	24.5
2801½	975	ISS B DKr	2801½	+40½	...	0.8	17.3
137	47	Inchcape	538	-11	...	3.3	17.5
427	186	Johnson Clean	427	+21	25.7	3.5	20.2
12	2½	Len	6½	...	...	...	...
305	171	Mitie Gp	305	+1	3.5	1.4	23.7
1212½	593½	Manpower	1171	-25	...	...	...
69	40½	Michael Page	68½	...	1.8	3.3	29.1
271	115	Pennine	115	...	9.0	8.7	4.3
4½	2	Prime People	4½	...	...	...	...
142	57	Proudfoot Alex	64	...	...	29.3	3.5
421	137	RCO	355	-3	14.1	5.0	12.2
119	86	REA	105	...	2.0	2.4	...
124	46	Reed Executive	124	+1	...	...	...
156	109	Reliance Sec	123 †	+7	4.5	4.6	26.7
255	179½	Rentokil	251	+4	2.5	1.2	31.3
345	220	Rolfe & Nolan	345 †	+5	...	2.7	21.2
399	319	Salvesen (C)	371 †	+5	...	2.7	24.6
91	26	Scott Pickford	50	+1	0.8	2.0	15.9
10	5	Select Appt	9½	...	...	...	...
1313	695	Serco Gp	1313	...	13.3	1.3	36.3
132	83	Sherwd Cmpt	114	+1	...	2.7	3.3
121	90	Skelchley	102	...	...	3.7	25.3
355	310	Warner Howard	322	...	6.0	2.5	17.1
45	27	Welpac	27	...	...	...	...
28	14	Wills Gp	27½	+½	...	1.8	19.2

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
249	210	Allied Colloids	232½	+½	...	2.2	21.4
1041	613	Amersham	1001	+8	...	1.7	28.8
7	2½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	...	...	...
£119½	8325	BASF DM	£111½	-96½	...	5.7	...
350	190	BTP	349 †	+5	...	3.4	23.0
£143½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£133	-115½	...	3.9	...
178	105	Blagden	160	+4	6.5	5.1	11.2
166	93	Brent Chems	119	-2	...	7.8	10.9
530	340	Br Bio-Tech	348	...	...	...	...
7	5	Caird Gp	5½	...	...	...	16.0
180	126	Canning (W)	177	+5	7.2	5.1	20.3
608	421	Courtaulds	503 †	-8	...	3.5	12.6
357	228	Croda	357	+1	...	2.8	20.5
149	103	Doeflex	118	...	4.6	4.9	9.0
255	175	Ellis & Everard	254 †	+1½	...	3.5	24.3
42½	15½	Euro Colour	35½	...	0.3	3.1	17.0
351	259	Halstead (J)	345	-1	...	2.4	17.1
241	150	Hickson	174	-1	...	5.2	16.1
£123½	8650	Hoechst	£114½	-97½	...	3.2	...
220	157	Holliday Chem	190	+4	...	2.4	17.5
805	608	ICI	782	-13	...	4.5	...
300	570	Laporte	797	...	10.9	3.2	21.7
230	181	Leigh	230 †	+12	...	4.3	20.2
47½	15	MTM	34	...	...	...	...
2175	1462½	Norsk Hydro	2168½	+43½	...	1.3	31.2
470	370	Paterson Zoch	468	...	...	3.4	15.8
425	360	-do- 'A'	423	...	...	3.7	14.3
296	193	Plysu	227 †	+3	...	3.9	19.3

DRAPERY, STORES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
303	173	Forvair	274	+1½	3.8	1.7	29.3
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	55	...	...	...	...
485	412	Wardle Storeys	457	...	...	4.7	21.1
580	395	Wiumbimr 'B'	580	...	17.0	3.7	19.8
436	330	Yorks Chem	435	+7	...	2.2	23.3
300	233	Yule Catto	293	+2	...	2.6	18.3
869	593	Zeneca	839	+1	...	4.1	49.6
102	53	Alexon	62	...	...	6.0	...
248	173	Alders	248	+10	...	3.1	18.5
410	257	Argos Plc	378	-1	...	2.4	22.3
25	8	Ashley Group	8½	-½	...	2.8	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	90	+6	0.1	0.1	...
330	278	Asprey	325 †	+3	5.2	2.0	21.0
195	94	Austin Reed	186	...	...	1.7	...
196	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	153	...	...	5.0	15.4
140	94	Bentalls	135	...	1.9	1.8	...
278	125	Betterware	142	+9	...	1.9	17.0
47	22	Blacks Leis	37 †	...	2.2	7.6	...
251½	135	Body Shop	245	...	...	0.8	31.6
16½	9	Brown & Jackson	10	+½	...	1.0	5.1
444	318	Brown (N)	444	+7	...	2.1	26.1
87½	42½	Burton	72½	+7½	...	3.4	...
205	126	Cantors	205	...	...	2.4	28.6
445	295	Church	445	+2	12.5	3.5	39.6
183	97	Clinton Cards	165	...	4.3	3.3	19.9
280½	212	Coats Viyella	278	+4½	...	3.4	38.4
120	78	Colorvision	98	-17	5.6	7.3	17.1
181	154	C'try Casuals	168	...	...	3.1	15.6
935	374	Courts Furnish	892	...	5.6	0.8	11.2
155	115	Crown Eyes	155	...	7.5	6.0	10.6
137	89	Dairy Farm Intl	119	-2½	...	3.1	17.5
102	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	102	+2½	0.8	1.0	32.7
293	189	Dixons Grp	228 †	+1½	...	3.5	...
21	8	ERA Gp	9	...	...	...	73.8
580	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	16.0	3.5	19.9
241	71	Essex Furn	225	+5	...	1.9	36.0
373	203	Etam	355	...	7.0	3.4	23.4
608	499	Fine Art Dev	536 †	+2	13.0	3.0	17.4
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	47	...	...	...	...
695	498	Formminster	695 †	...	14.5	2.6	12.6
180	24	French Conn	141	+9	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	67	...	...	3.9	20.8
100	21	Goldsmiths Gp	88	...	0.3	0.4	...
659	334	GUS	598	-6	...	2.4	18.4
40	21	Hampden Grp	25	...	...	5.0	12.4
277	30	Hartstone	68	...	...	...	...
37½	30	Helene Plc	31	...	2.0	8.1	14.6
108	29	Heritage	108	...	...	...	...
86	35	Honeysuckle	77	...	...	3.7	11.3
211	63	Jacques Vert	202	...	...	2.2	15.4
783	496	Kingfisher	723	-7	...	2.4	24.9
76	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	74	...	4.0	6.8	15.3
685	495	Liberty	538	...	7.2	1.7	63.3
380	241	Lloyds Chem	361	+2	...	2.5	12.7
176	120	MFI	171	-2	...	2.7	35.9
461½	311	Marks Spencer	455½	+3½	...	2.3	23.3
595	445	Menzies (John)	595	+7	...	2.3	16.9
274	135	Moss Bros	268	...	5.5	2.6	31.5
240	139½	Next	231	...	3.5	1.9	27.6
41	15	Oliver (G)	40	...	...	...	...
325	197	Ostlane Ind	310 †	-3½	...	4.0	15.2
63	24	Pentos	36	...	0.8	2.8	7.5
313	185	QS Hldgs	248	+3	5.1	2.6	17.7
69½	20½	Rhino Grp	46	-2	...	...	...
190	120	Rosebys	190	...	...	3.2	22.8
181	135	Sherwood Gp	170	+5	...	1.9	15.3
131½	93	Sears	122	-1	...	3.6	...
41½	11	Signet Group	37½	+1	...	...	...
530	400	Smith WH 'A'	517½	-13½	...	3.4	17.0
122½	83	-do- B	122½	+1½	...	2.9	20.1
28	4½	Specialeyes	14	...	...	...	...
252	176	Storehouse	233 †	-4	...	2.7	23.0
191	146	T & S Stores	154	...	6.0	4.9	11.5
162	71	Tie Rack	161	...	1.0	0.8	26.4
257	160	Time Products	257	+2	7.7	3.8	22.2
125	63	Usher (Frank)	124	+2	6.0	6.0	10.7
453	302	Vendome	445	+11	...	1.7	20.7
45	27	Vivat	37	...	1.0	3.4	11.5
87	42	WEW Group	64	...	...	2.6	47.2
49	34	Wensum	49	+2	1.8	4.8	...
120	76	Wickes	113	...	...	0.2	51.4
78	45	Wld of Leather	69	+3	...	...	...
192½	142	Wyevale	190	...	...	2.8	25.1
4	2½	Xtra-vision	2½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	158	+3	...	4.0	15.9
275	223	Acal	263 †	...	...	3.1	18.9
490	385	Admiral	488	...	5.7	1.5	20.6
175	104	Alba	175	+2	...	3.5	19.8
50	19½	Alphameric	37	...	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	45	-½	...	1.4	...
128	61	App Holo	100	+5	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	32	...	...	...	...
88	35½	Astec	86½	...	...	0.4	...
266	130	Aztan	257	+1	...	1.5	30.6
293	224	Bestes Hunter	258	+16	...	4.6	15.9
9	2	Bennett & Fount	4½	...	...	...	...
451	319	BICC	439	...	19.2	5.5	...
558	408	BBA	495	...	...	2.6	18.0
1700	925	Borland	1100	...	...	...	...
384	270	Bowthorpe	368	+1	...	2.3	24.4
489½	376	BT	466½	+6½	...	4.3	18.0
232½	150	BT P/P	207½	+5½	...	4.3	22.1
18½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	18	+1	0.1	0.7	...
160	48	Burnfield	65	+5	5.7	11.1	10.3
546	334½	Cable Wireless	507 †	-1	...	1.9	26.5
27½	11½	Caloride	27	...	...	...	...
276	229	CML Micro	276	...	4.7	2.1	20.1
125	74	Comptr People	125	...	...	...	...
173½	108½	Cray Elect	173½	+7½	...	1.3	17.8
437	243	Critchley	436 †	...	...	1.4	25.1
554	414	Delta	516	-3	...	3.4	21.6
473	205	Dewhurst El	473	+5	6.2	1.6	20.2
620	395	Domino	433	+13	7.4	2.2	14.8
77	48	Dowding Mills	76	...	...	4.1	32.6
1480	865	Druck	1480 †	+3½	10.3	0.9	31.6
554	258	Electrocomps	551	+4	...	1.0	22.5
710	470	El Data Prc	580	...	5.5	1.2	∞
160	63	Electron House	158	+1	2.6	2.1	34.6
30½	10½	Emess	26	+½	0.1	0.5	...
745	442	Eurotherm	743 †	+5	9.5	1.6	∞
202	108	FKI	187½	+3	...	2.2	27.5
612½	340	Farnell Elect	612½	+9½	...	1.3	32.4
91	33	Feedback	73 †	...	...	3.4	9.0
18	1	Ferranti	1 #	...	...	...	...
324	101	First Tech	320	+6	...	0.8	26.6
270	81	Forward Gp	239	+1	4.0	2.1	16.9
22½	13½	Forward Tech	20	...	...	...	...
367½	264	GEC	331 †	-1	10.4	3.9	16.5
199	132	Graseby	168	...	...	8.1	35.3
14	7½	Gresstone	11½	...	...	...	...
52	35	Hillcare	43	+2	0.5	1.5	...
169	83	INSTEM	135	...	3.1	2.9	0.7
169	118	Ind Control	149	...	...	3.7	15.0
388	320	Jones Stroud	388	...	...	2.9	15.5
109	26	Kalamazoo	109 †	+6	2.7	3.1	25.3
19	8	Kembrey	12½	...	0.1	1.6	...
386	260	Kenwood App	383 †	+1	...	2.5	21.5
265	47	Kewill Sys	225	+2	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	139	+1	6.0	5.4	16.5
60	16	Laser-Scan	31	...	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS	144	...	0.7	0.7	20.3
300	205	Lec Refrig	255	...	9.0	4.4	...
179	129	Life Sciences	158	+1	3.7	3.0	17.1
320	164	Logica	307	+3	...	1.6	35.4
55	44	LPA Ind	52	...	3.5	8.5	14.7
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	192	...	...	3.4	18.0
718	523	Macro 4	715	...	...	3.1	21.7
247	175½	Memcer-Swa	247	...	...	1.9	21.9
3013	903	Micro Focus	1138	+68	...	...	10.5
227	144	Micrgen	148 †	+2	7.2	6.1	∞
35½	23½	Microvitec	33	...	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	524	+11	...	1.7	19.1
584	98	Mitel	478	+10	...	...	...
156	108	MMT Comp	156	...	...	3.2	21.2
52	16	Molynx	36	-½	1.3	4.5	...
375	202	MTL Insts	360	...	3.7	1.8	19.6
165	103	Multitone Elect	141 †	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
269	116	Murray Enter	266 †	...	...	1.9	∞
3306½	2612½	NYNEX	2681½	-9½	...	...	...
198	124	Neotronics	125	...	...	2.6	2.6
66	42	Newmark (L)	53	...	...	...	...
295	58	Norbain	284	...	...	0.7	21.9
75	20	Northamber	57	+6	0.6	1.3	...
15	5	Oceonics	7½	+½	...	...	...
337	195	Oxford Inst	336	+1	4.6	1.7	23.0
83	48	P-E Internt'l	82	...	...	...	...
81½	29	P & P	74	+2	1.5	2.5	39.3
99½	55	Peek	91	...	3.4	4.7	23.8
237	115	Pegasus	219	...	...	3.6	56.2
£102½	9000	Philips Fn 4%	£102½	...	...	5.0	...
1500	725	-do- Lmp NV	1493½	+3½	...	...	...
401	211	Phonelink	378	+5	...	...	...
325	171½	Pifco	325	...	...	1.6	27.2
315	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	315	...	...	1.6	26.4
96	63	Plasmec	71	-1	3.0	5.3	6.0
120	76	Pressac	105	...	...	3.1	22.3
226	31	Psion	226	+8	2.5	1.4	60.0
261	147	Racal Elect	204 †	+5	4.2	2.6	12.1
70	33	Radamec	48	...	...	3.9	10.3
70	21	Radius	35	...	2.2	8.0	12.1
93	61	Real Time	93	+7	...	4.0	19.1
31	15	Rhia	19	+1	...	...	22.8
629	367	Sage Gp	510 †	+½	...	2.4	15.7
348	222	Sanderson Elec	339 *	...	9.9	3.7	14.5
89	44	Scantronic	87½	-1½	3.1	4.5	24.0
205	112	Scholes Grp	191	...	...	3.3	24.7
375	270	Sema Gp	320	...	2.9	1.1	25.0
43	26	Silvermines	43	+1	...	2.9	...
87	57	Standtracks	80	+7	2.4	3.8	∞
2675	1777½	TDK	2331½	-3½	...	1.3	26.5
27	4½	TDS Circuits	17½	...	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	158	...	0.8	0.6	26.0
1084	800	THORN EMI	1074 †	+4	...	3.7	24.9
152	96	Thorpe FW	125	...	...	2.5	15.7
103	23	Total Systems	32½	+1	1.5	5.2	6.4
575	372	Tunstall	560 †	+3	7.0	1.5	∞
295	164	Unitech	286	+1	...	2.7	67.8
15	6	Verity	12	...	...	...	...
35	22	Vistec	27½	...	0.3	2.0	13.9
624½	367	Vodafone	590 †	+2	...	1.6	25.9
473	368	Volex	454 †	...	18.1	5.0	18.6
26	11	Western Selecon	20 †	...	0.2	1.6	...
303	223	Wholesale Rgs	303	...	11.7	4.9	32.2

ELECTRICITY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
676	389	East Midlands	631 †	+4½	...	4.1	11.2
704	398	Eastern Elect	644 †	+9½	...	3.9	12.3
489½	304	Hydro-Elect	439	+3	...	3.4	15.3
677	404	London Elect	631 †	+12	...	4.2	11.9
772	458	Manweb	730 †	+1	...	3.8	9.1
731	429½	Midlands Elec	685	+9	...	3.9	10.7
510	273	National Powr	467 †	...	...	3.0	11.6
741	440	Northern Elec	694 †	+6½	...	4.1	9.0
283	100	Nthn Ireland	267½	+1½	...	3.3	12.9
768	430	Norweb	705 †	-3½	20.8	3.7	10.1
572	273	PowerGen	542	+7	...	2.6	14.2
487	285	Scottish Power	445	+4	...	3.3	16.4
754	436	Seeboard	715 †	+9½	...	3.6	11.2
770	469	Sth Wales	722 †	+9½	...	4.0	11.1
776	455	Sth Western	649 †	+9	...	4.1	9.6
724	405	Southern Elec	667 †	+8	...	3.9	8.5
692	455	Yorkshire Elec	659 †	+5	...	4.1	12.4

FINANCE, LAND

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
80½	50	Aitken Hume	53	...	1.0	2.4	11.2
143	87	BWD	143	+8	3.4	3.0	22.3
216	25	Baltic Plc	116	+1	...	1.1	...
653	413	Caledonia	653 †	+15	...	2.9	24.3

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2000	1075	Camellia	1900	...	...	2.0	7.2
356	243	Candover	352	+4	10.4	3.7	...
385	71	Flemech	379 #	...	0.5	0.2	...
404	155	Govett	404	+3	...	4.1	11.0
213	128	Ivory Sime	213 †	+3	...	4.1	18.4
240	154	Lon Forfaiting	235	-1	8.7	4.6	17.1
81	47	Manakin	81	+1	...	...	...
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	12½	+1½	...	...	0.3
53	40	Newmarket	53	...	...	...	...
341	246	Rathbone Bro	317	...	6.5	2.6	19.3
26	17	Rutland Tst	23	+½	...	4.3	13.7
340	253	S & U	313	...	10.2	4.1	11.6
96	48	Singer & Fried	94	+1	...	4.0	...
1138	713	Sothebys	1100	...	...	3.1	...
147	113	SJP Capital	147	+2	3.0	2.6	60.6
206	183	Towry Law	203	...	...	2.8	19.9
2597½	1487½	Amer Express	2150½	+56½	...	...	...
1133	835	Henderson Ad	1048	+20	...	5.0	24.2
308	92	Invesco	208	+6	...	1.8	...
317	164	Jardine Strat	279½	+½	...	2.9	11.5
285	154	MAI	284	+2	...	3.0	18.0
742	389	MAM	732	+3	16.0	2.7	18.3
1088	633	M & G	1088 †	+50	...	2.9	22.8
443	109	Smith New Crt	440 †	...	...	2.0	4.3
81	45	Trio Hldgs	57	+1	2.5	5.6	∞

FOODS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
514	456	AB Food	572 †	+4½	...	3.3	11.8
77½	46½	ASDA Group	62½	-½	1.6	3.3	...
368	170	Acatos & Hutch	365	...	8.0	2.8	∞
80	53	Albert Fisher	71	...	...	6.6	15.8
407	246	Argyll	303 †	+2	...	4.6	10.9
260	160	Banks (S C)	259	...	9.0	4.3	11.5
402	305	Barr (AG)	315 †	+1½	6.5	2.6	∞
86	56	Bensons Crisps	67	+1	...	5.3	15.1
141	100	Bedford Intl	128 #	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	445	+1	...	6.1	38.6
52	35	Borthwick	50½	...	...	3.0	62.7
505	430	Brake Bros	470	...	6.3	1.7	19.6
51	37	Budgen	41	+4	...	3.0	12.5
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	531	+2	...	3.2	18.7
222	78	Carrs Milling	194 †	+1	...	2.8	14.1
196	133	Carswick	156 †	...	...	8.4	14.8
22	8½	Callens	16½	+1	0.5	3.8	47.4
384	119	Dalepak	139	-6	5.0	4.5	10.9
531½	424	Dalgety	531½	+8½	...	4.8	15.2
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
264	191	Devro	262	...	...	2.6	24.9
134	99	Everest	101	...	...	4.6	18.3
390	269	Farepak	390	...	5.7	1.8	24.0
10	3	Farringford	7	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	73	-2	...	7.1	24.2
125	78	Fyffes	98	-2	...	1.6	17.6
483	256	Geest	289	+14	8.1	3.5	13.0
16	7	Global	14	...	0.5	4.5	21.8
50	43	Grand Central	50	...	0.8	2.0	...
203	139	Hazlewood Fds	168 †	+1	...	4.8	9.5
189	131	Hillsdown	187	+3	8.8	5.9	14.7
250	146	Iceland Group	197	+3	...	2.2	12.4
131	92	JLI Group	108 †	...	...	5.4	12.0
853	542	Kwik Save	624	+6	...	3.7	11.2
262	144	Low (Wm)	189	-3	...	5.6	6.6
90	41	Matthews (B)	89	...	2.3	3.3	58.3
19½	11	Merchant Retail	15 †	+½	0.9	7.9	30.7
174	84	Morrison (W)	117	+1	...	0.9	15.2
233	177	Nichols (JN)	226	...	5.5	3.1	16.4
291	207½	Nthn Foods	256 †	+3	...	4.2	12.5
20½	8	Nrthmbrn Fns	9	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	200	+11	...	3.9	11.1
286	205	Park Foods	282	+5	...	2.7	21.7
115	58	Perkins Food	68	+2	...	8.2	7.8
121	47	PizzaExpress	115	...	...	0.5	24.3
9	1½	Regina Hlth	4½	...	...	...	...
584	360	Sainsbury J	476 †	-2	...	2.7	16.7
86	33	Sentry Farm	73	...	1.5	2.6	13.1
225	90	Sims Food	104	...	...	7.8	20.0
451	355½	Tate & Lyle	446 †	+2	...	3.6	11.9
273	176	Tesco	237	-4	...	3.9	10.8
211	123	Thorntons	193	+11	...	2.4	...
230	101	Treats	198	+1	3.7	2.6	∞
411	300	Unigate	405	-4	...	5.1	13.3
437	326	Utd Biscuits	378	-1	...	5.1	23.4
24½	18½	Usborne	20½	...	...	3.3	15.1
358	248	Watson & Phil	340 †	...	14.3	5.2	∞
59	30½	West Trust	43	+3	...	7.8	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abrdn Stk H	26	...	...	...	...
93½	77	City Centre Rest	92	+½	1.5	2.1	22.2
285	170	Forte	282	-1	...	3.3	22.1
215	148	Friendly Hotels	175	...	...	4.1	34.1
11½	5	Harmony Props	10½	-½	...	...	...
168½	87	Jurys Hotel	162½	...	...	3.9	13.2
222½	142	Ladbroke	205½	-3	11.1	6.8	17.6
98	99	Mandarin Ornt	87½	-2½	...	3.8	21.7
2½	½	Regal Hotels	1½	+½	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels Ir	24	+1½	...	1.1	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	830	+22	7.0	1.1	...
79	34½	Stakis	79	...	1.0	1.6	∞

INDUSTRIALS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	45	+1	...	24.4	2.8
616	455	AAH	496 †	...	...	4.4	16.5
185	123	AIM	147	...	7.5	6.4	8.9
132	88	APV	126	...	...	5.4	...
238	81	ASW	163	+1	...	4.6	...
192	118	Adwest	190½	+½	...	4.7	18.3
32	10	Aerospace Eng	20	...	...	4.7	28.0
302	249	Alexprung	302 †	+1	...	1.9	19.3
200	113	Alendra W	199	...	4.1	2.6	31.5
13½	6½	Allied Radio	8½	...	...	...	...
292½	207½	Alumasc	288	...	...	2.5	17.0
48	17	Alvis	41 †	...	1.0	3.0	∞
725	345	Amber Ind	725 †	...	...	3.3	16.6
56	45	Amberley Gp	50	...	1.0	2.5	...
107	75	Anagen	80	...	...	...	...
145	65	Andrews Sykes	85	...	...	4.4	...
1350	703	Antofagasta	1330	+5	...	1.5	24.6
54½	37	Armour	52½	+4	...	3.9	12.5
170	143	Ash & Lacy	170	+2	6.4	4.7	17.4
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	...	1.9	42.5
541½	434	Avon Rubber	530 †	...	...	3.9	∞
272	168	Assoc Nursg	272 †	+2	...	0.5	16.7
687½	488	Atlas Equip	493	...	...	5.6	12.4
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	66	...	...	...	...
211	147	BBA	211	+3	...	4.4	17.9
115	28	BLP Group	115	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	32	+1½	...	2.5	...
770	590	BOC	644 †	+5	...	4.5	15.3
79½	50	BSG	72	...	...	5.6	25.1
553	353	BSS Group	553 †	+4	...	3.9	30.9
409½	318	BTR	364½	+4½	...	3.8	20.4
221	147	BWI	159	...	...	5.3	14.7
43	25½	Babcock	37½	+1½	...	3.7	22.4
11	4½	Bailey (CH)	9½	-½	...	...	...
290	228	Baird (Wm)	267	+5	8.9	4.2	18.5
1062½	400	Barlow Rand	437½	+25	...	7.5	8.0
66	48	Baynes (Charles)	65	...	...	2.8	26.0
29½	14	Bearing Power	20½	...	0.7	4.6	∞
15	4	Beaufort	4	...	...	...	...
10	2	Beckenham	2½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	32	...	...	...	...
17	15	Benson Group	16	+½	...	2.3	12.1
707	285	Bespak	355 †	...	10.2	3.6	11.1
133	55	Bibby (J)	72	+1	2.0	3.5	∞
312	129	Bifiam (J)	203	...	5.3	3.3	10.2
41	21½	Bilston Burrsen	30	...	...	...	...
11½	2	Bimec Ind	4½	...	...	...	...
255	119½	Birkby	255	+2	3.7	1.8	13.3
45	29	Black Arrow	36	+3	2.1	7.3	11.3
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
268	136	Black (Peter)	268	+2	3.7	1.7	23.6
590	129	Bluebird Toys	585	...	4.5	1.0	17.8
322	220	Bodycote	284	...	...	2.3	18.2
40	25	Bogod 'A'	35 †	...	0.7	2.5	13.0
609	416	Boots	569 †	+2	...	3.0	22.5
61	39	Booth Inds	55	-2	...	...	...
523	402	Bowater	510	+12	...	2.9	21.3
1681½	1187½	Bowater Inc	1609½	...	...	...	...
279	109	Boxmore Intl	259	...	3.7	1.8	19.4
19	12½	Brasway	18 †	+1½	...	3.5	...
310	204	Brammer	310	...	13.0	5.2	23.1
29	12	Bridgend Gp	26	-1	0.4	...	...
125	64	Bridon	124	+1	...	4.0	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	77 †	-4	...	4.1	...
53½	31	Brierley Inv	52½	...	...	6.4	13.0
308	190	Br Bldg & Eng	235	+20	8.0	4.3	∞
119	42	Br Bloodstock	104	+1	...	...	...
528	415	Br Polythene	452	...	...	2.8	16.2
135½	54	Br Steel	129½	+1½	...	1.5	...
180	80	Br Syphon	85	...	...	4.4	...
195	115	Br Thornton	152 †	-3	...	4.1	15.8
276	215	Br Vita	276	+3	7.3	3.3	17.0
19½	9½	Brittm Grp	14½	...	...	1.5	...
867½	555	Broken Hill	867½	+16½	...	2.1	39.3
112	78	Bromsgrve Ind	98 †	-½	...	5.6	12.8
11½	6½	Brooke Tool	9½	...	...	...	...
73	36	Brown & Tawse	63	+9	...	...	...
165	91	Bullough	165	...	6.0	4.6	28.3
24	11½	Business Techs	14½	...	...	...	...
28	12	CI Group	15	...	0.5	4.8	14.4
42	11	Campbell & Arm	40	...	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	33½	...	...	...	...
263	206	Cape	263	+3	...	5.0	17.8
440	254	Caradon	435	-1	...	2.5	35.2
214	126	-do- pf	207	-½	7.2	4.4	...
293	178	Carclo Eng	293	+6	8.7	3.7	20.7
2687½	2025	Carnaud Sth	2262½	+34½	...	2.7	∞
91	68	Cassidy Bros	91 †	+5½	...	3.3	14.9
235	158	Castings	233	...	4.6	2.5	16.4
71	51	Cathay Intl	60	-1	...	...	...
250	217	Celltech	221	-1	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	180	+5	6.5	4.5	11.2
773	605	Charter	773 †	+6	...	3.6	11.8
348	220	Chemring	325 †	+1	...	3.5	16.8
92	45	Chieftain Gp	46	...	4.5	12.2	9.9
45½	15½	Chillington	40	...	1.0	3.2	...
233	144	Christies Int	229	-1	...	0.8	56.5
73	34	Claybithe	73	+2	...	4.3	...
150	55	Clayton Son	145	+42	...	...	...
415	295	Cohen (A)	415	...	3.4	1.0	...
249	159	Community H	249	...	...	3.5	17.0
246	196½	Concentric	230 †	+4	5.8	3.2	∞
292	120	Cook (Wm)	286	...	6.0	2.6	17.3
260½	182	Cookson	259	...	...	2.9	34.3
95	58	Copymore	95	...	...	1.3	29.0
239	130	Crowll Pkr 'A'	160	+5	...	4.5	21.6
178	93	Cosalt	129 †	-1	...	5.2	...
259	150	Creighton Nt	255 †	...	7.4	3.6	18.3
48	27	CrestaCare	40	...	0.6	2.0	34.6
4000½	2993½	Dana	3925	-118½	...	...	...
345	78½	Danka Bs Sys	332 †	+9	...	0.6	31.6
263	193	David Brown	263	...	...	2.9	18.7
22	5	Davies (DY)	18	...	...	...	...
919½	632	De La Rue	914 †	+3	...	2.6	22.0
38	16	Dinkie Heel	37	...	1.1	3.7	29.5
593	391	Diploma	575	...	12.0	2.6	∞
92	50	Dobson Park	92 †	+1	3.7	5.1	∞
119	92	Dyson (J&J)	115	...	5.0	5.4	21.2
83	57	-do- 'A'	82	...	5.0	7.6	15.1
16½	8	EFG	14	...	...	...	...
440	368	EIS	424	+2	...	3.6	16.8
28	19	Elbief	24	...	...	...	...
50	19	Eleco	48	...	...	...	...
2815½	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2771½	+62½	...	1.9	...
70	43	Elliott (B)	70	...	...	...	...
523	394	Eng China Cl	523	+8	...	4.8	30.4
144	111	Environmed	143	+3	...	...	...
3962½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3131½	+181½	...	0.9	...
86	32	Eurocopy	85	...	1.2	2.5	∞
87	47	Expamet	84	+1	...	4.7	1.5
725	459	Fairey Group	724	...	10.7	1.8	22.3
121	47	Fenner	114	...	...	...	...
90	32	Ferraris Group	89 †	...	...	2.8	13.2
29	12	Ferrum	12	...	1.4	14.6	8.4
66	28	Fife Indmar	60	...	...	5.7	...
251	102	Fisons	143	+1	...	7.6	13.3
60	29	Fitzwilton	60 †	+2	...	7.3	...
288	215	Flopps	263	...	...	3.6	12.0
46	33	Folkes Group nv	45	...	1.5	4.2	25.5
118	56	French (Thmas)	115	...	3.6	4.0	∞
263	162	Frost Group	261	...	...	2.1	33.8
88	70	GEI Int	79	...	...	3.9	...
570	434	GKN	509	-1	...	4.5	38.0
51	42	GR Hldgs	51	...	...	4.4	...
131	79	Garton Eng	131	+7	4.1	3.9	...
161	103	Gestetner	146	+6	8.2	7.0	6.4
68	23	Glever	63	...	...	...	45.6
801	509	Glaxo	674	-3	...	4.1	17.6
38½	16	Glenchewton	36½	+½	...	4.5	...
376	245	Glynwed	376	+4	11.6	3.9	35.4
153	66	Goode Durrant	153 †	+2½	...	4.5	...
185	102	Grampian Hd	170	...	5.5	4.0	29.5
587	341	Granada	552 †	+1	...	2.0	21.8
463	301	Great Stores	463	...	11.4	3.1	19.0
117	73	Green (Ernst)	83	...	...	10.5	12.6
15½	8½	Greenacre	14½	...	...	2.6	14.3
17	5	Guardian Grp	6 #	...	...	...	...
70	30½	Haden MacLn	70	...	...	3.6	25.2
102	44	Hadleigh Inds	93	...	1.0	1.3	...
290	115	Hall Eng	278	...	8.6	3.9	23.2
235	161	Halma	221½	-1½	...	1.2	27.8
57	30	Hampson Ind	57	+2½	1.6	3.5	18.8
286½	222	Hanson	274½	+2	...	5.2	20.4
221	146	Harris (Philip)	157 †	+1	...	5.5	9.5
207	147	Harrison Crsfld	202	-1	9.0	5.6	29.2
158	38	Havelock Euro	153	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
40	17	Headway	38	...	...	2.3	...
13½	1½	Healthcare	1¼	...	...	...	0.5
492	301	Hepworth	492	+13	14.8	3.8	21.2
228	154	Hewitt (J)	185	...	3.2	2.2	14.5
57½	15	High-Point	54	+1	0.5	1.2	...
190	112½	Hill & Smith	190	+4	...	3.7	26.4
19½	6½	Hobson	17	...	...	...	...
176	87	Holders Tech	172	...	6.0	4.4	22.4
52	30	Hopkinsons	47	+1	0.9	2.4	35.6
190	133	Hornby	189	...	9.0	6.0	17.8
97	54½	Howden	93	...	2.2	3.0	17.0
260	173	Hunting	246	+2	...	5.1	20.8
513	269½	Huntlgh Tec	488	-15	...	2.6	12.5
351	247	IMI	351	+2	...	3.6	31.1
131	90	ISA Intl	130	-1	1.5	1.5	20.2
205	131	Intercare Gp	162 †	+2	3.5	2.7	∞
290	235	Isotron	290	...	4.3	1.9	16.8
707	360	Jardine Math	599½	-7½	...	2.1	21.7
558	425	Johnson Matth	531 †	+1	...	2.4	21.5
64	35½	Johnson & FB	39 †	...	...	4.3	37.1
177	104	Johnston	160	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	26	...	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	29	...	0.7	3.2	...
178	73	Kalon	168	+1	...	2.6	23.3
297	195	Kelsey Ind	230 †	...	8.0	4.5	∞
805	465	Kershaw (A)	803	+18	27.0	4.3	∞
276	75	Kleeneze	224 †	...	1.0	0.5	∞
164	61	LGW	159	-1	3.4	2.7	13.2
385	266	Laird	385	+3	...	3.4	19.0
157½	103	Lilleshall	145	...	...	3.8	19.1
223	97	Lincat	211	+6	...	3.6	14.9
33½	4½	Lincoln Hse	32½	...	...	...	26.8
128	76	Linread	115	+2	3.8	4.2	17.8
340	170	Linton Park	338	...	...	5.2	12.2
15½	9½	Lionheart	11½	...	0.2	2.2	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	18	+1	0.8	5.9	26.2
274	97	Lon Intl	162	+3	6.2	4.8	...
149½	70	Lonrho	145	-3	4.0	3.4	...
400	269	Low & Bonar	399	+15	...	2.9	55.9
49	14½	ML Hdgs	48	...	...	...	...
62½	27	MS Intl	62½	+3½	...	5.0	38.3
59	30	MY Holdings	52 †	...	...	3.0	13.7
251	168	Macfarlane	251	...	...	1.7	28.4
479	339	McKechnie	477½	+½	...	3.9	23.0
127	85	McLeod Russel	121	...	...	6.3	17.9
106	63	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
132	71	Mang Bronze	130	...	2.5	2.4	∞
36½	19½	Marling	22 †	+½	...	4.8	...
228	134	Mayborn	228	...	5.2	2.9	17.5
62	29	Mayflower	58	+2	...	1.0	48.4
276	85	Medeva	164½	+1½	...	1.8	13.4
118	88	Meggitt	112	+6	...	4.3	19.1
125	98	Metalrax	120	...	...	3.9	19.6
154	112	Metrotect	128 †	+1	...	3.2	17.8
101	70	Metsec	101	...	...	...	...
99	29	Midsummer	99	+1	...	0.9	13.8
5	½	Middlesex	4½	+½	...	...	...
575	368	Molins	530	...	...	3.1	13.2
389	262	Morgan Cble	381½	+½	...	4.1	20.0
184	134	Morris Ashby	180	+3	3.7	4.0	13.5
42	18	Neepsend	41	...	1.0	3.0	55.0
74	34	Nestor-BNA	73	+1	3.1	5.4	17.4
249	122	Nobo Gp	239 †	-1	5.3	2.8	23.6
196	122½	Norcros	196 †	+6	...	4.5	28.6
51	33	Novo Group	34 †	...	...	4.0	10.9
413	310	Nu-Swift	398	-1	...	...	∞
81	36	Office Elec Mac	50	-4	...	...	...
63½	21	OMI Intl	63 †	...	...	3.5	...
165	123	PCT	162	...	7.2	5.6	18.4
91	36	Pacer Systems	80	-3	...	5.4	...
138	87½	Pentland	117	...	...	2.8	15.0
345	283	Photo-Me	285	+1	4.6	2.0	18.4
192	97½	Pilkington	192 †	+6	...	1.7	...
101	68	Plantsbrook	101	...	3.1	1.8	15.0
172	125	Polypipe	172	+6	2.1	1.5	23.2
42	15	Porter Chadbrn	22	...	...	2.3	10.1
14½	5½	Porth Gp	12½	...	...	...	...
376	272	Powerscreen	333 †	...	...	2.6	17.3
21½	16½	Prospect Inds	20	+½	...	5.1	11.3
65	37½	RPS Group	60	...	2.3	4.8	13.3
95	73	Radiant Metal	82	...	...	...	...
186	77	Ransom Oil	158	+3	1.0	0.8	52.9
1039	636	Rank Org	1038	+19	...	3.7	22.4
33	13	Ransomes	18	...	...	...	...
725	532	Reckitt Colm	684	-1	...	3.1	15.8
77	50	Record	70	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7½	2½	Reeze	5½	...	...	...	...
277	131	Relyon	272	...	5.0	2.3	32.6
303	208	Renishaw	298	...	...	2.7	38.4
135	95	Renold	130 †	-1	...	1.6	...
1963	1240	Reuters	1920	+18	22.1	1.4	31.7
87	24½	Rexmore	82 †	...	2.0	3.1	...
197	91	Ricardo Group	197	+5	...	3.6	22.9
76	58	Richard (Leics)	71	...	3.7	6.6	...
98	63	Richardson West	93	...	3.0	4.1	23.8
142	109	Ropner	138	...	8.2	7.5	19.6
139	97	-do- 'A'	134	...	8.2	7.7	19.0
38	14	Rotaflex Gp	18½	...	0.6	4.4	7.6
184	131½	Rotork	184	+4	...	3.5	21.5
172	89	Rubicon	172	...	...	2.9	26.1
66	43	Russell (A)	66	+1	...	0.9	...
38	15	SEP Intl	38 †	...	0.8	2.7	∞
1269½	625	SKF 'B'	1268½	+31½	...	...	...
248	205	Scapa	241 †	+½	...	2.9	18.0
238	179	Scholl	195	...	...	4.0	14.2
323	277	Scotia	289	...	...	...	...
1215	917	Securicor	1215	+10	...	0.3	34.4
937	562	-do- 'A'	937	+13	...	0.4	26.5
812	465	Security Serv	812	+15	5.6	0.9	∞
134½	77	Senior Eng	134½	...	...	3.0	22.5
361	278	Seton Health	326 †	...	...	2.3	19.2
43	31	Sheldon Jones	33	...	...	...	...
166	88	Siebe	142	+2	3.0	2.7	15.3
344	271	Sidlaw	330 †	+2	...	4.0	16.4
587	427	Siebe	587 †	+3½	...	2.3	20.0
383	220	Silentnight	370	+4	...	2.7	20.0
181	102	Sime Darby	140	...	...	3.9	∞

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1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
142	32	Simon Eng	131	+2	...	...	...
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	187	...	...	4.7	14.6
47	35	Six Hundred	42	+3	...	4.5	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	156½	...	...	3.8	17.4
513	373	SmithKline	420 †	+5	9.6	2.8	15.5
450	340	SmithKline Uts	391 †	-4	...	3.1	13.3
482	320	Smiths Ind	482	+3	...	3.1	19.3
140	58	Sthn Bus	77 †	+½	3.7	6.0	∞
485	265	Spandex	485	...	...	1.7	21.6
660	300	Spear (JW)	620	-55	4.5	1.3	7.8
391	314	Spirax-Sarco	390	...	...	3.0	24.5
145	44	Spring Ram	57½	+3	...	0.5	...
270	201	Staveley	228	+2	...	4.6	12.0
205	126	Sterling Ind	205 †	...	...	3.6	31.4
195	97	Suter	195	...	9.0	5.8	20.4
611	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	505½	-6½	...	1.8	∞
7	1	Sycamore	3½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	55	...	3.0	7.0	10.5
175	120	Sylvone	175 †	...	...	3.4	25.3
455	279	TI	420	-2	...	3.2	28.3
39	12	TLS Range	30	+5	0.2	0.8	...
351	211	TT Group	351	+1	...	2.4	21.6
282	201	Talare	282	-3	...	0.8	24.6
868	618	Takeda Chem	745½	-4½	...	0.8	14.1
68	24	Tex Hldgs	58	...	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)	101 †	...	...	6.9	17.4
240	150	Titon	217 †	+1	4.2	2.4	∞
274	212½	Tomkins	267 †	+12	...	3.1	19.7
113	59	Trafalgar H	97½	+½	...	4.2	...
116	61	Transtec Tech	80	...	3.2	5.0	10.1
190	120	Triplex Lloyd	148 †	...	...	0.0	17.6
285	214	UniChem	285	+8	6.4	2.8	18.7
390	279½	Unidare	390	...	...	3.5	∞
76	11½	Unigroup	34	...	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1175	+10	22.2	2.4	16.0
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7862½	+68½	...	2.7	12.7
24½	9	Utd Inds	15½	...	...	...	...
958	513	VSEL	953 †	...	...	4.0	10.3
19½	6½	Verson	19	...	...	...	...
183	95½	Vickers	175	+2	...	1.6	...
367	243	Victaulic	301	+3	...	3.2	14.9
479	283	Vinten	479	...	...	1.9	22.3
706	427	Vosper Thorny	706	+9	...	2.9	16.4
48	33	WSP Hldgs	46	...	...	7.3	12.0
475	368	Wagon Ind	475 †	...	...	4.6	20.9
8½	1½	Wakebourne	3½	...	...	...	17.7
108	71	Walker Greenbk	108	...	3.1	3.6	27.6
289	201	Wassall	289	+4	2.7	1.2	29.2
51	22	Wtrford Wdgwd	49	...	...	...	...
384	252	Weir	324	+4	...	3.3	18.3
993	600	Wellcome	658	+3	...	3.3	14.0
25½	16	Wellman	25½	+1½	0.9	4.4	41.6
387	260	West Hlthcare	385	-½	...	1.2	24.7
510	455	Whatman	502	...	9.7	2.4	17.0
353	211	Whessoe	245 †	+6	...	4.2	11.6
100	27	Whitecroft	99	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Widney	10½	...	...	...	...
138	44	Wilkes (James)	138	...	3.5	...	40.4
403	295½	Williams Hldg	400	+10	12.5	3.9	20.9
46½	17	Wilshaw	44½	+1½	...	1.5	28.0
898	533	Wolseley	895 †	+10	...	1.9	26.7
155	125	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	1.5	1.2	56.5
46	35	Wyko	40	...	...	1.6	...
88	38	Young (H)	78 †	...	3.3	5.3	∞
1993½	1193½	Alex & Alex	1295½	-12½	...	5.1	...
2409½	1787½	Am Gen	1937½	+25	...	3.8	...
86	30	Archer (AJ)	83 †	+4½	1.0	1.5	...
156	118	Bradstock	150	...	5.5	4.5	∞
498	399½	Britannic	464	+16	...	3.1	...
688	536	Com Union	675	+12	...	4.5	...
1750	1225	Dom & Gen	1748	...	...	1.6	23.1
62	18	FAI	62	+4	...	...	...
186	166	Fenchurch Grp	181	...	...	5.0	16.2
757	546	Gen Accident	745	+7	26.7	4.5	...
236	160	GRE	228	+7	7.1	3.9	18.9
427	293	Heath C E	427	+8	...	4.7	...
228	148	Hogg Gp	167	-1	8.1	6.1	15.1
300	255	Independent Ins	300	...	...	3.4	27.6
215	162	JIB Group	184	+1	...	5.1	18.9
546	408½	Legal & Gen	534	+9	...	4.5	32.4
1271½	768½	Liberty Life	1215½	+15½	...	2.6	19.3
121	99	LIMIT	116	...	...	...	...
468	403	Lloyds Abbey	448	...	17.3	4.8	16.1
338	224	Lloyd Thmp	306	...	6.7	2.7	19.0
395	274	Londn & Man	395	+1	14.7	4.7	28.1
450	321	Lowndes Lmb	450 †	+2	14.0	3.9	16.2
6743½	5256½	Marsh McLn	5543½	-6½	...	3.2	...
130	76	Oriel	120	+8	...	5.2	...
83	50½	PWS	80 †	-½	4.0	6.2	∞
385	282½	Prudential	364	-3	...	4.2	24.2
381	269½	Refuge	381	+23	...	3.5	43.5
347	248	Royal	327	+2	...	2.5	...
204	150	Sedgwick	199	+4	...	3.8	34.5
161	103	Stenl Botrill	133	-3	...	11.3	7.9
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	76	+1	...	5.1	62.8
418	302	Sun Alliance	395	+7	14.2	4.5	...
88	50	Trade Indemnity	55	...	...	...	...
388	239	Transatlantic	385	...	12.0	3.9	35.7
773	499	Utd Friendly	588	+10	15.1	3.2	25.6
345	171	Willis Corroon	229	-4	...	3.6	49.2
25	13½	Windsor	23	...	...	...	18.1

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1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
450	304	Ang & O'seas	446	+2	6.8	1.9	...
161	124	BZW Conv	159½	...	7.8	6.3	...
210	133½	Bankers	206½	+1½	3.6	2.2	∞
372	264	Baring Tribne	365	-1	6.4	2.2	...
205	131	Berry Starq	205	+3	2.2	1.3	...
117	96½	Br Assets	113½	+1½	...	4.7	...
97½	57½	Br Empire Sec	93½	+½	...	1.2	...
37	14	-do- Wnts	37	+1	...	...	...
223	156	Br Inv	220	...	4.6	2.6	...
262	174	Brunner	257	...	5.2	2.6	∞
221	130	Contl Asset	214	...	2.4	1.4	...
195	143	Derby Inc	157	...	...	11.3	...
320	195	-do- Cap	313	+3	...	...	...
97	62	Drayton Blue	93 †	...	8.4	11.3	...
93	35	-do- Eng Intl	93	+1	1.0	1.3	...
150½	84	-do- Far East	141	-2	0.6	0.6	...
165½	95	-do- Korea	162	-1	0.5	0.4	...
772	576	Dunedin Inc G	756	+4	...	4.3	...
100	76	-do- Japan	92	...	...	...	...
62	34	-do- Warrants	62	...	...	...	...
788	513	-do- Wrde	778 †	+6	...	1.5	...
313	222	Dundee & Lon	313 †	+4	...	3.6	...
348	250½	Edinburgh	340	+2	8.5	3.1	...
333	183	Electra Inv	330 †	+2	7.0	2.7	∞
208	141	Electric Gen	205 †	...	3.1	1.9	...
134	85	English Scot	134	+2	...	...	...
341	205	European Asset	337	...	...	2.1	...
152	77	Finsbury 'A'	152	+1½	3.0	2.5	...
327½	248	Fleming Amer	323	+3	0.8	0.3	...
145	91	Fleming Chinese	120	-1	...	...	...
92	52	-do- Warrants	81	-1	...	...	...
250	193½	-do- Claver	246½	+1	...	2.7	...
364	212	Do Cond	358	...	2.7	0.9	...
229	147	-do- Entp	227	+2	...	2.6	...
409	313	-do- F East	401	-4	1.1	0.3	...
378	246	-do- Fledg	377	...	3.0	1.0	...
122	93	-do- Hi Inc	111	...	...	5.8	...
360	136	-do- Japan	237	...	...	0.2	...
318	250	-do- Merc	318 †	+2	6.7	2.6	...
335	212	-do- O'seas	325	+2	4.2	1.6	...
298	203	Foreign & Col	297	+2½	...	1.5	...
140	56½	-do- Eng Mkts	129	-1	0.2	0.3	∞
74½	44	-do- Enterprise	74½	+½	0.4	0.7	...
251	164	-do- Europe	248½	+½	...	0.6	...
145	87	-do- German	129	+1	0.5	0.5	...
357	191	-do- Pacific	329	-3	...	0.8	...
186	116	-do- Smaller	183 †	+½	1.8	1.3	...
272	145	GT Japan	258	-3	...	0.6	...
180	65	Genl Cons Cap	177	+1	...	...	...
123½	98½	-do- Inc	112	...	...	9.4	...
179	115	Govett Asn Smlr	176	...	...	...	...
144	94	-do- Emg Mkts	134	...	...	...	...
429	184	-do- Oriental	386	-2	0.9	0.3	...
310	207	-do- Strategy	310	+3	...	2.7	...
440	340	Greenfriar	440	...	...	1.8	...
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
154	124	Inv Cap	148	+1	...	4.3	...
131	77	I&S UK Smllr	109	...	...	3.2	...
236	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	230	+1	5.1	2.8	∞
264	176	-do- O'seas	254	+2	3.3	1.6	...
150	108	-do- Smlr	150	+1	...	2.8	...
826	540	Law Debenture	813	...	18.5	2.8	...
226	164	Majedie	224	...	...	2.8	...
316	221	Merchants	307 †	+1½	...	4.5	...
3343½	1850	Merrill Lynch	2837½	-18½	...	...	...
592	383	Monks Inv Tst	564 †	+1	...	1.5	...
154	105	Morg Gren Inc	140	...	4.5	3.8	∞
58	23	Do Warrants	57	-1	...	...	...
64	39	Murray Euro	64	...	0.1	0.3	...
29½	4½	Do Wts	22	...	...	...	...
389	282	Murray Income	372 †	...	10.9	3.7	...
394	265	-do- Intl	378 †	+2	11.6	3.8	...
539	263	-do- Small	521	+4	...	1.0	...
103	96½	-do- S/C Inc	96	+1	...	13.8	...
156	73	-do- S/C Cap	135	+1	...	...	...
3250	2750	-do- S/G Uts	3250	...	...	4.1	...
160	142½	-do- S/C DP	159½	+½	...	...	...
358	230	-do- Vent	356	+1	...	3.8	...
94	68	Nthrng Inc	94	...	8.7	9.1	...
386	249	O'seas Inv Tst	377	+1	...	1.0	...
647	285	Pacific Assets	559	-1	1.1	0.2	...
545	187	Do Warrants	465	...	...	...	...
8830	7650	Personal Assets	8825	...	190	2.7	...
189	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	180	...	1.1	0.8	...
127	108	River & Merc	124	...	9.2	9.3	...
465	350	Robeco	430	...	...	2.9	...
439	346	Rolinco	439	...	...	1.6	...
300	214	St Andrew Inv	300	...	7.5	3.1	...
174	131	Scot American	170½	+1½	...	3.4	...
371	136	Scot Asian	316	-2	...	...	...
1090	225	do Warrants	960	-8	...	...	...
92	63½	-do- Eastern	90	...	1.5	2.1	...
249	183	Scottish	246 †	+3	4.9	2.5	∞
257	178	-do- Mtge	251	+3	4.0	2.0	...
127½	71	-do- Value	125½	...	1.8	1.8	∞
1749	1390	Second Allnce	1728	+4	...	2.8	...
103	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	99½	+½	3.2	4.1	...
172	109½	Selective Asset	172	+1	1.2	0.9	...
46½	14	Sphere Inv	45½	+½	3.1	8.5	...
205	112	TR Far East	183	-1½	...	3.4	...
167	126	TR City Of Lon	162½	+1½	...	3.7	...
249	130	TR Pacific	213	-2	0.3	0.2	...
41½	17	TR Property	39½	+1½	0.9	2.9	...
136	47	TR Tech Inv	131	+4	1.7	1.7	...
210	146	TR Smlr Cos	210	+5	...	2.3	...
399½	283	Temple Bar	392	+3	13.2	4.2	...
135	69	Thrmtn Asian E	127	-2	0.5	0.5	...
87½	54	Throgmorton	87½	+2	2.3	3.3	...
550	363	Throg Dual Cp	538	...	...	...	...
260	178	USDC Invest	256	...	4.5	2.2	...
120	76½	Value Inc Tst	119	+½	4.0	4.2	...
930	542	Whitbread Inv	925	...	16.5	2.2	...
249½	181	Witan	243	+3	5.6	2.9	...

LEISURE

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
344	269	Airtours	544 †	+5	...	2.1	17.3
64	41	Akl Leis	42½	...	...	8.8	13.9
487	194	Anglia TV	484	-1	...	2.4	22.4
103	63	Baldwin	98	...	4.6	5.9	13.3
289	192	Barr & W 'A'	269	+2	10.0	4.6	17.4
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1195	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
158	90	Border TV	145	...	3.6	8.1	12.9
16½	4	Brent Walker	5½	...	...	...	...
150	48	Bristol Scotts	100	...	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	6	...	...	...	...
292	44	Campari	58	...	8.7	18.9	...
368	171	Capital Radio	364 †	+5	5.7	2.0	∞
972	718	Carlton Comm	971	+20	...	2.4	22.9
278	158	Castle Comms	278 †	+2	...	3.8	18.4
2998	1615	Central TV	2980	+17	39.0	1.6	32.5
124	61	Chrysalis	118 †	...	3.2	3.4	...
701	470	Compass Gp	701	+5	...	2.3	19.3
350	175	Eurocamp	277	-8	9.7	4.4	11.3
1180	268	Euro Disney	394	-27	...	2.9	...
8	1½	Euro Leisure	3	-½	...	...	...
39½	18	Ex-Lands	36	+½	...	1.2	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	330	+2	...	4.1	30.4
378	232	First Leisure	325	+1	6.5	2.5	∞
385	71	Flextech	379 #	...	0.5	0.2	...
695	298	GWR Gp	695	+3	9.0	1.6	∞
248	149	Grampian	248 †	+1	6.5	3.3	17.2
22	4½	Greenwich Comm	15	...	...	...	...
115	19	HTV Group	111	...	...	...	49.3
88	30	Hi-Tec Sports	84	...	...	3.3	...
15½	5½	Kunick	15	+½	...	...	...
678	405	LWT Hldgs	668	+1	...	0.9	30.9
600	327	Man Utd	560	...	...	4.4	22.6
48	7½	Northern	41	+1	...	...	7.9
148	59	Owners Abrd	99	...	3.9	5.5	7.1
32	33	The Pelican Gp	32	-1	1.1	1.7	19.2
181	55	Prism Leisure	179	-1	3.2	2.3	16.6
42	16	Quadrant Grp	37	...	...	...	...
445	274	Radio Clyde	433 †	+4	...	2.7	19.3
210	132	Ramsdens (R)	209	...	4.5	2.7	27.7
553	410	Scot TV	466	+5	10.3	2.8	22.9
83	37	Southern Radio	83 †	+4	...	1.9	36.8
335	168	Stanley Leisure	335	+2	4.3	1.6	26.4
10	5½	Sunleigh	7½	...	...	...	...
145	115	Sunset & Vine	130	...	3.5	3.4	19.9
420	345½	Tenjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.7
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	88 †	-11	...	2.8	4.6
92	44	Trans World	91	...	0.8	1.1	33.2
553	224	Ulster TV	553	+16½	12.0	2.7	17.0
124	62	Vardon	124	+2	0.8	0.8	29.3
234	110	Yorkshire TV	186	...	12.0	8.1	5.6
120	83	Zetters Gp	113	...	8.0	8.8	12.8

MINING

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
6518½	1800	Am Gold	6371½	+137½	...	3.5	28.6
1887½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1875	...	...	4.9	9.7
3675	1125	Ang Am	3300	+84½	...	2.1	28.0
33½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	32½	...	...	...	...
197	33	Blyvoors	156	-2	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	30	...	...	...	5.3
896	233	Buffels	830	-8	...	7.8	7.1
5	1	Bute	4½	+½	...	...	...
878	546	CRA	829½	+19½	...	2.5	26.5
43½	11	Cluff Res	39	-1½	...	...	...
1750	762½	De Beers	1693½	-56½	...	2.9	23.0
165	37½	Deelkraal	141 †	+20	...	1.4	10.3
96	7	Doornfontein	60	+3	...	...	...
914	388	Driefontein	843 †	+14	...	3.5	13.9
788	120	Durban	721	+26	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	146	+10	...	7.5	4.3
175	35	E Rand Prop	109	+20	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	415	+9	...	2.9	9.8
1237½	249½	FS Cons	1112½	-3½	...	4.4	14.3
80	8	FS Dev	50	+3	...	...	...
1800	725	GFSA	1681½	+12½	...	2.4	27.8
150	62½	Gencor	134	...	...	6.7	15.0
89½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	80½	+8	...	1.7	33.0
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	16	+1	...	1.5	...
202	49	Grootvlei	151	...	...	6.8	9.2
416	78	Harmony	416	...	...	...	...
430	87	Hartes	392	+14	...	7.3	9.6
16½	8½	Inoco	15½	+½	...	...	...
1028½	490½	Impala Plat	896½	+15½	...	3.2	28.9
14	6	Kenmare Res	13½	+½	...	...	...
1319½	331½	Kinross	1209½	...	...	4.7	13.4
913	319	Kloof	834 †	+9	...	2.6	9.9
137	25	Leslie	96	-3	...	10.8	5.2
359	13	Loraine	288	+10	...	...	...
950	620	Lydenburg	950	...	...	2.0	...
127½	80	MIM	126½	+3½	...	1.9	53.8
1507	820	Minorco	1507	+2	...	2.6	17.8
181½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	181½	+4½	...	2.8	27.9
4587½	612½	Orange Free	2809½	+3½	...	4.5	16.6
859	602	RTZ	810	-3	...	3.0	22.9
225	106½	Rand Mines	187½	...	...	6.1	∞
801½	150	Randfontein	779 †	...	...	3.7	7.8
254	115	Renison	233	...	...	1.9	24.3
1346½	850	Rustnbrg	1221½	+34½	...	2.7	∞
756	191	St Helena	687	...	...	3.5	14.1
2887½	475	Southvaal	2209½	+69½	...	2.6	39.0
119	18	Stilfontein	89	...	...	7.1	15.7
201	58	Unisel	116	...	...	5.7	11.1
7600	1800	Vaal Reefs	6709½	+21½	...	3.3	11.7
813	154	Welkom	721	-8	...	4.7	10.2
640	26	Western Areas	570 †	+24	...	0.9	4.8
3362½	587½	Western Deep	2825	-31½	...	2.2	13.1
340	176	Wynn Mining	339½	+15½	...	1.5	...
1225	321½	Winkels	1046½	+25	...	3.6	10.1
84	49	Zambia Copper	53	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	62	+2	...	7.4	20.6

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
135	95	Airflow Stream	115	...	...	...	...
158	78	Appleyard	158	+6	...	4.1	...
390	203	Bletchley Mtr	390	...	...	3.3	17.8
203	120	Bostrom	203	+1	6.0	3.7	35.9
408	165	Br Aerospace	414	-10	7.3	2.2	...
58	19½	Burndene	49 †	+½	1.7	4.5	∞
425	303	Caffyns	410	...	11.5	3.5	21.7
15½	4½	Coverdale	14½	+½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr	128	...	4.0	3.9	32.5
42	18	Cook (DC)	41 †	+6	0.9	2.7	23.3
305	156	Cowie (T)	305	...	6.6	2.7	23.2
148	86	Dag Motors	148	+8	5.7	4.9	26.8
155	102½	Davnprt Vern	148	+2	...	3.5	18.5
330	155	ERF	315	...	2.0	0.8	...
151	92	European Mtr	151	...	...	3.1	21.2
470	208	Evans Halshaw	420	+16	11.4	3.0	72.4
290	211	FR Group	265	...	...	3.4	12.3
4581½	2843½	Ford Motor	4581½	+37½	...	...	...
4112½	2143½	General Mtr	4112½	+75	...	1.3	...
75	38	Gowrings	60	...	2.0	4.2	...
304	85	Henlys	304	+1	3.5	1.4	...
1056	769	Honda Motor	979½	+21	...	0.9	...
48	15	Jacks (Wm)	43	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	98	...	4.5	5.7	...
176	97	Kwik-Fit	166	+1	...	2.6	23.5
484	281	Lex Service	480	+1	...	2.9	26.2
210	85	Lookers	198	+6	6.2	3.9	...
212	126	Lucas	211	+2	...	4.1	...
27½	21	Malaya Grp	25½	...	...	...	...
298	224½	Pendragon	286	+2	...	2.7	24.3
197	101½	Perry Gp	197	+3	...	4.5	...
190	108	Quicks Group	171	+3	...	3.5	21.8
177	96½	Rolls-Royce	164	+½	...	3.8	...
239	164	T & N	238½	+½	...	5.7	34.0
275	163	Trinity Hldgs	224 †	...	...	2.5	25.6
204	125	Vardy (Reg)	204	+1	...	2.7	28.3
266	121	Westland	265 †	...	...	2.1	18.6

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
225	103	Adscene	225	+12	5.0	2.8	23.0
360	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
428	270	Blenheim Gp	388	+18	...	3.0	14.4
380	275	Bristol	328 †	...	...	4.0	34.1
£117½	7775	Daily Mail	£116¾	...	...	1.6	27.3
£118	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£116¾	...	...	1.6	27.3
355	210	Dorling Kind	265	+1	...	1.6	24.0
6550	4337½	Elsevier	6087½	...	...	1.5	20.9
444	222	EMAP	444	+8	...	2.3	27.4
1525	873	Euromoney Pb	1513	+13	...	3.1	26.6
264	157	Harrington K	157	...	4.7	3.2	12.8
404	155½	Haynes Pub	404	+4	...	1.7	22.8
363	334	Hodder H'line	341	...	8.1	1.9	29.0
140	99	Home Counts	125	...	5.2	5.2	...
173	30	Intl Bus Comm	173	...	...	...	25.0
14	6½	Int Cm & Data	12½	+½	...	...	...
490	240	Independent	490	-22	...	2.6	26.5
588	395	Johnston Press	588	+13	6.5	1.4	25.4
355	243	Metal Bulletin	355	...	6.2	2.9	25.1
192	85	Mirror Gp	188	+½	...	...	...
515	297	News Corp	446	...	...	0.3	...
301	169	News Intl	278	+4	...	0.6	17.3
639	342	Pearson	618	-4	...	2.4	33.6
710	310	Portsmth Sund	710	...	...	1.7	19.6
923	618	Reed Int	864	-1	...	2.5	37.6
200	98	Southnews	200	...	2.3	1.5	37.0
193	90	Sterling Pubs	186	...	...	2.1	22.6
510	328	Telegraph	510	...	...	2.9	21.4
835	715	Thomson Corp	835	+20	30.1	4.5	41.4
438	313	Trinity Intl	438	+1	9.0	2.6	26.2
39	21	Unit Group	33	...	...	...	...
685	480½	Utd Newspaps	658	+2	...	4.1	18.3

OILS, GAS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Atlas Energy	29	+½	...	...	28.2
61	33	Arcon Intla	45	+1	...	...	...
71	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	62½	+2½	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	63	...	...	...	...
16	3½	Beverley	8	+½	...	...	59.5
223	145	Br Borneo	223	+3	7.1	4.0	8.7
361½	276	British Gas	337	-½	14.2	5.3	16.3
378½	225	Br Petroleum	365½	-1	8.4	2.9	28.2
2½	1	Bula Resources	2½	...	...	...	...
865	675	Burmah Castrl	833	-1	...	3.8	19.2
68	32	Cairn Energy	61	...	...	...	8.7
343	223	Calor Gp	342	+10	...	4.4	18.7
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	49	+1	...	...	...
44	27	Coplex Res	28½	-½	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gs	20½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	449	+1	...	4.5	24.7
83	26	Exp Co Louis	35	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	24½	+½	...	4.4	8.8
10½	4	Fortune	4½	+½	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	56	+½	1.4	3.1	10.7
48	13	Gt Western Res	39	...	...	...	...
181	104½	Hardy O & G	168	+6	...	0.7	15.6
50	18½	Kelt Energy	50	+3	...	...	...
195	97	LASMO	134	+3	...	3.3	25.1
103	63	-do- Units	98	...	9.4	17.4	...
24	2	Mid Scot Res	2½	...	...	...	...
57	34	Monument	56½	+½	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	1.0	4.3	10.0
50	27	Oil Search	48	...	...	...	...
19½	11½	Petrol	19	...	...	...	...
162	99	Pict Pet	158	...	...	...	8.7
29½	18	Premier	25½	+1½	...	4.2	...
168	50	Presidio	158	...	...	4.9	...
410	290	Ranger	330	-10	...	4.2	18.2
7700	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	7181½	+25	...	...	...
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4007½	+34½	...	2.0	...
67	47	Seafield	57	...	...	...	...
749	518	Shell	724	+5	22.8	3.9	22.3
203	145	Sunrise Eng Sv	145	-40	...	...	...
41	15	Triton Europe	33	+13	...	...	...
16	6	Villiers Grp	10	...	...	...	...
208	135	Woodside	200	+3½	...	1.8	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	120	AG Holdings	182	...	...	3.6	16.5
441	249	API	441 †	+2	...	2.3	27.7
278	144	Arjo Wiggins	277	+4	...	2.9	44.8
598	408	Abbott Mead	598	...	9.5	2.1	29.3
40	13	Aegis Gp	23½	+1	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comms	172	+3	4.9	3.0	15.6
26	7	BBB Design	26	...	...	...	...
431	223	Bemrose	430	...	...	3.6	19.8
30½	7	Bidtdale	10	+½	...	...	...
175	118	Bunzl	172	...	4.0	2.9	25.8
430	257	CIA Gp	425	...	4.4	1.3	26.9
230	93	Capital Inds	138	+1	...	3.3	13.2
92	44	Cty of Lon	84 †	-1	...	5.7	15.5
322	169	Cropper (James)	321	...	3.2	1.3	31.8
105	51	Delyn Group	89	...	1.6	2.3	12.0
120	94	Dolphin Pack	107	...	4.5	5.3	26.4
87	42	Dudley Jenkins	76	...	...	5.3	17.8
16½	10½	Elswick	15½	...	...	2.4	17.3
86	41	Fairway Group	84	-1	3.2	4.8	24.8
374	271	Ferguson Intl	374	+1	...	4.2	16.9
137	92	Ferry Pick	137	...	...	5.1	37.0
197	74	Filofax	189	...	...	1.0	24.3
20	10½	Finch	11½	...	...	...	...
154	69	Gibbon Lyons	141 †	...	5.2	4.6	15.9
295	205	Gold Greenlees	271	+7½	8.4	3.9	24.2
41	17	Goodhead	25	...	0.0	0.3	∞
88	19	Hunterprint	27	+2	...	...	...
185	136	Inoreurope	161	...	...	6.1	11.8
288	191	Jarvis Porter	288	...	...	2.1	26.9
32	15½	Lopex	27	...	...	...	...
38½	26	MMI	33	-½	...	...	...
397	175	More O'Ferrall	395	...	13.5	4.2	47.3
133	48	NMC Group	130 †	...	2.7	2.6	30.4
289	66	Osborne & Little	289 †	+24	...	2.2	31.7
543	455	Portals	543	+4	...	3.4	18.7
3½	½	Premier Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
302	159	Quarto	301	...	...	2.4	18.5
356½	270	St Ives Gp	356½	+6½	...	1.9	23.5
186	133	Saatchi	149	+1	...	...	...
502	292	Sappi	481	+10½	...	6.9	9.1
26	8½	Serif	26	...	...	...	...
33	14	Shandwick	33	+3½	...	...	...
476	294	Smith David	476	+3	...	2.6	24.8
333	206	Smurfit (Jeff)	333	+3	...	1.6	8.0
105	45	Somic	105 †	+2	2.5	3.0	43.0
246	183	Stat-Plus	223	+1	8.4	4.7	19.9
28½	16½	Taylor Nelson	25½	+½	0.3	1.6	21.6
135	38	VTR	135	...	...	3.5	20.5
111	40	WPP	110	+3	...	1.1	4.1
225	62	Wace	225	+4	...	0.6	...
274	203	Waddington (J)	274	+16	...	3.7	20.5
439	270	Watmough	439	+1	...	1.7	34.4
7	3	Westport	4½	+½	...	...	...
44	12	Whitney Mck	40	+1	...	...	...
103	55	Wyndeham	103 †	+1	...	1.8	22.1

PROPERTY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
122	41	Allied Lon	122	...	...	3.6	31.6
47	35	Arcadian	41	+1	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	8½	+½	...	...	...
140	52	Asda	140	...	...	1.9	14.7
156	88	Avonside	155	...	4.1	3.3	21.7
2837½	2062½	BCE	2359½	+12½	...	...	...
720	396	Bilton	720	+4	18.9	3.3	26.0
91	17	Bourne End	91	+1	...	1.4	...
273	150	Bradford	270	+1	5.9	2.7	27.4
23	5	Bredero	16	-½	...	...	...
449	166½	Br Land	421 †	+3	...	2.1	38.4
250	140½	Brixton	247	+3	...	4.3	19.6
109	42	Buxford	106½	+½	...	1.5	...
204	99	Cap & Regnl	204	...	1.3	0.8	...
265	120	Cardiff Prop	265	+15	2.4	1.2	...
598	196	Chesterfield	584	...	11.5	2.5	41.8
46	12	City Site Ests	46	+9	...	...	...
35	12	Clarke Nickolls	32	+3	...	...	...
548	285	Compco	285	...	12.9	6.0	61.8
53	34	Conrad Rbint GS	45	+1	...	...	...
1495	818	Daejan	1495	+2	...	2.3	18.5
65	5	Dares Estates	10½	+3	...	...	...
143	53	Debenhm Twsn	141 †	+1½	...	2.9	27.5
17	4	De Morgan	16	...	...	...	...
190	76	Dencora	180	...	3.0	2.1	...
688	263	Derwent Hldgs	688	+4	8.7	1.6	...
45	10	Development Sec	35½	+½	...	...	...
56	24	Duyer	54	...	...	...	...
406	170	Estates Agency	406	...	...	2.3	48.2
27	7½	Estates Gen	23	...	...	...	...
131	66	Evans Of Leeds	120 †	+1	...	2.5	21.2
36½	11	Five Oaks	36	...	...	...	...
67	30	Fletcher King	66 †	+½	1.0	1.9	43.7
515	276½	Frogmore	504	...	...	4.0	24.5
257	97	Grainger	257 †	+6	5.2	2.6	∞
238	116½	Gt Portland	229	...	...	4.4	21.9
20	3½	Greycoat	19	+½	...	...	...
289	101	HK Land	226½	+3½	...	2.8	29.6
94	35	Hambro Cntyw	86	...	0.5	0.7	...
422	233	Hammerson	379	-1	10.0	3.3	38.8
331	127	Helical Bar	329	...	...	1.9	11.8
39½	19	Hemingway	39½	+1	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	81	+1	3.7	7.7	15.3
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
802	435	Land Sec	745	...	23.1	3.9	22.2
114	73	Lon Merch Sec	112 †	+2	4.0	4.5	17.4
22½	8½	Lon & Metro	11	...	...	...	...
565	315½	MEPC	521 †	+10	...	4.8	36.7
11½	5	McInerney A	11½	...	...	...	...
180	90	McKay Secs	180	+7	3.5	2.4	24.9
7½	2½	Markheath	7½	...	...	...	...
81	12	Merivale Mre	79	...	...	...	...
56	29	Moorfield Est	54	...	...	...	...
1368½	775	Mountview	1281½	...	22.0	2.2	13.3
181	112	Mucklow (A&J)	181	...	...	4.2	28.2
53	30	Olives Prop	50	...	...	...	...
10½	1½	ORB	1½	...	...	...	...
180	88	PHT	180	+1	4.3	3.0	35.7
369	138	Peel	366	-1	4.3	1.5	...
16	4½	Power Corp	9½	...	...	...	...
50	22	Property Trust	44	+1	...	...	12.5
63	33	Raglan	42	+1	...	...	...
40	11	Regalian	39	...	...	...	...
155	110	Rowlinson Secs	155 †	+15	1.5	1.2	19.4
52	16	St Modwen Prp	52	+1	0.9	2.2	34.6
73	39	Saville Grdn (J)	66½	+½	...	5.1	33.1
100	39	Savills	96 †	+½	...	2.3	38.0
112	33½	Scot Met	103	...	...	1.8	...
127	39	Shaftesbury	127	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	13½	...	...	...	7.1
290	139½	Slough Estates	282	+4	...	3.6	19.7
101	58	Southend Prop	97 †	+3	...	3.1	...
39	16	Stanhope Prps	25	...	...	...	...
231	114	Tops Ests	228 †	-1½	2.1	1.2	...
141	79	Town Centre	140	...	...	3.0	25.1
98	43	Trafford Park	98	...	...	3.6	22.6
56	17	UK Land	31	...	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	9½	...	...	...	...
314	180	Warner	312	...	10.4	4.2	28.5
238	168	Warnford	238	+3	7.5	4.0	17.2
8	2	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
95	34	Wates	89	-1	...	...	...
98	40	Wood John D	93	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
32	11	Automagic	32	...	...	...	...
210	84	Headlam	203	...	...	1.8	45.8
500	285	Lambert	315	...	13.2	5.3	7.7
100	44	Pittards	72	...	1.5	2.6	20.6
30	20	Strong & Fisher	22½	...	1.0	5.6	6.3
248	89	Stylo	244	...	...	1.5	...
66	53	UK Safety	58	+1	...	5.6	1.9

TEXTILES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
530	408	Allied Text	530	+1	12.7	3.0	17.0
69	54	Beckman (A)	63	+1	...	7.1	13.5
41	21	Bolton Gp	27	...	...	...	...
226	141	Br Mohair	217	...	8.5	4.9	20.3
53	15	Charnwell	41	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Ga	341	+2	7.5	2.8	21.3
601	449	Courtauld Text	527	+8	13.9	3.3	14.4
53½	24	Cupid	29	-1	...	...	...
249½	130	Dawson	148 †	...	...	6.4	11.3
47	22	Drummond	36	...	...	...	...
89	65	Faupel	78 †	...	...	4.9	7.9	12.1
34	15	Foster (John)	27	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	114	...	4.2	4.7	...
249	156	Hicking Pntcs	244	...	...	2.2	17.5
90	45	Jerome (S)	67	...	...	0.4	...
422	249	Lamont	419	+2	12.0	3.6	27.7
515	353½	Leeds	505 †	...	...	2.1	17.7
64	15	Lister	51	...	0.1	0.2	...
122	73	Lyles (S)	99	...	...	4.2	...
215	89	Magellan	163	+2	1.4	1.1	...
225	77½	Parkland	225	...	...	0.9	...
103½	82	Readicut	100 †	+½	...	4.3	16.8
66	35	SEET	59	...	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	133	...	...	5.0	9.2
72	44	Stirling Gp	61 †	+1	1.9	3.9	16.9
51	35	Stoddard	45	+2	...	4.2	41.8
312	250	Tomkinsons	291 †	+1	11.5	4.9	∞
59	30½	West Trust	43	+3	...	7.8	...
260	126	Yorklyde	260	+3	...	2.6	17.0

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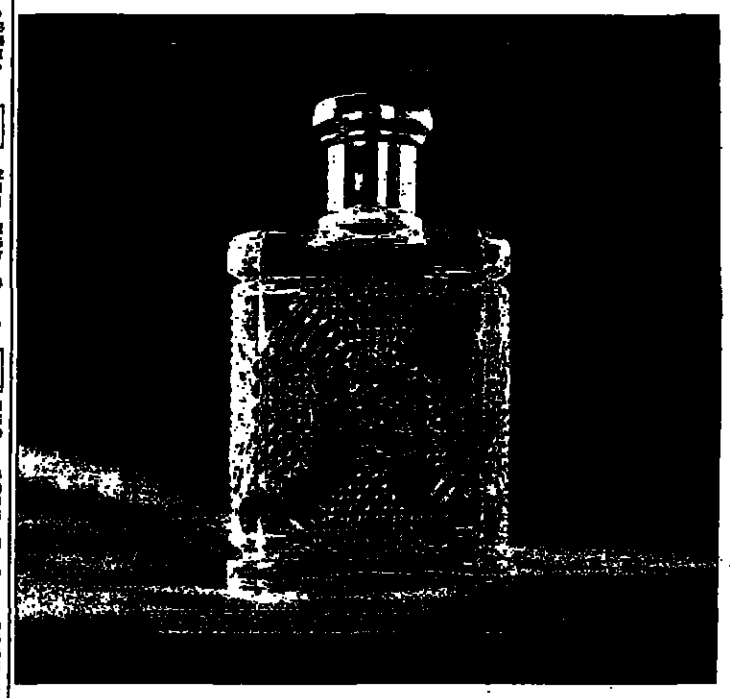
1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	407	BAT	521	-5½	...	4.6	15.6
495	315½	Rothmans	466	-1	...	3.4	14.6

TRANSPORT

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
580	349	Assoc Br Ports	566	...	...	1.9	...
1072	707	BAA	1045 †	...	...	2.0	25.0
123	106	Badgerline	122	...	...	4.2	14.4
493	249	Br Airways	488 †	+2	...	2.7	21.9
113	56	Clarkson (H)	90	...	1.7	2.2	...
665	332	Eurotunnel Uts	578	-32	...	...	...
82	44	Fisher (James)	73	...	0.5	0.9	19.6
288	147	IoM Steam	288	+7	...	3.6	15.1
46	24	Jacobs (J)	46	...	0.5	1.4	...
107	41	Lon O'Seas Frs	104	...	...	1.3	19.0
475	264	Mersey Docks	463	...	...	2.4	31.5
277	181	Nad Express	257	+2	...	3.5	26.6
272	218	NFC	266 †	-½	...	3.3	20.6
343	244	Ocean Group	324	+4	...	3.5	...
95	40	Ocean Wilson	85	+3	4.0	5.9	15.4
676	504	P & O Dfd	635	+5	...	0.0	34.5
194	127	P & O 5 1/2%	158	...	...	4.4	...
676	448	Powell Duffryn	676	+11	...	4.2	21.4
235	117	Seacon	230	-1	5.4	2.9	14.5
176	112	Stagecoach	175	...	...	2.7	21.3
102½	31½	TNT	101½	+1	...	...	...
858	624	Tiber & Brtm	855	+5	12.6	1.8	32.8
382	37	Tiphook	65	-2	...	...	...
299	227	TDG	299	+5	...	4.0	9.9
111	98	Ugland	98	...	...	...	...

WATER

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
610	455	Anglian Water	565 †	...	...	4.8	11.3
352	244	Mid Kent Hldgs	352 †	+2	...	3.8	13.0
761	547	Northumbrian	716 †	...	...	4.0	8.4
604	431½	North West	575 †	+1	...	4.3	9.3
632	439	Severn Trent	604 †	+6	...	4.5	9.3
665	454	Sthn Water	632 †	+7	...	4.3	10.3
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1550	...	48.5	3.9	...
657	465	South West	642 †	+6	...	4.7	10.3
598	454	Thames Water	587 †	+3	...	4.6	11.3
735	506	Welsh Water	694 †	+4	...	4.3	7.8
745	536	Wessex Water	705 †	+8	...	3.9	11.2
630	477½	Yorkshire W	599 †	+5	...	4.5	10.0



BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102⅞	100⅝	Treas 8½% 1994	100⅝ †	...	8.48	...
109	101½	Treas 14½% 1994	101⅛	-⅛	14.35	5.43
107	101⅞	Exch 13½% 1994	102⅛	...	13.21	5.12
105⅞	101⅛	Treas 10% 1994	101⅛	-⅛	9.82	5.15
110½	104⅝	Exch 12½% 1994	104⅝ †	...	11.98	5.09
105⅞	103½	Treas 9% 1994	103⅞	...	8.72	5.06
111⅞	106⅞	Treas 12% 1995	106⅞	-⅛	11.23	5.06
99	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97⅞	-⅛	3.06	4.99
109½	107⅞	Exch 10¼% 1995	107⅞ †	-⅛	9.55	5.14
116½	112⅞	Treas 12¾% 1995	112⅞	-⅛	11.30	5.25
120½	116½	Treas 14% 1996	116⅞ †	-⅛	12.03	5.34
125½	120⅞	Treas 15¼% 1996	120⅞	-⅛	12.61	5.43
120⅞	115½	Exch 13¼% 1996	116⅞	-⅛	11.36	5.46
112⅞	128⅛	Conv 10% 1996	111⅞	...	8.97	5.54
122⅞	118½	Treas 13¼% 1997	120⅞	...	10.98	5.68
114⅞	110⅞	Exch 10½% 1997	113⅞ †	+⅛	9.25	5.60
110½	105⅞	Treas 8¾% 1997	109⅞	...	7.97	5.70
132⅞	127⅞	Exch 15% 1997	130⅞	+⅛	11.49	5.84
114⅞	109⅞	Exch 9¾% 1998	113⅞	+⅛	8.57	5.82
106⅞	99⅞	Treas 7¼% 1998	105⅞	+⅛	6.87	5.75
106⅞	101⅞	Treas 7¼% B 1998	105⅞	+⅛	6.88	5.76
102⅞	97⅞	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101⅞	...	6.63	5.31
131½	125⅞	Treas 14% 1998-01	130⅞	+⅛	10.76	6.02
140⅞	133⅞	Treas 15½% 1998	138⅞	+⅛	11.16	5.88
126⅞	118½	Exch 12% 1999	124⅞	+⅛	9.63	6.05
118⅞	108⅞	Treas 9½% 1999	115⅞	+⅛	8.25	5.94

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101⅞	98⅞	Treas 6% 1999	102⅞ †	+⅛	5.96	5.83
128⅞	120⅞	Exch 12¼% 1999	126⅞	+⅛	9.66	6.12
121½	112⅞	Treas 10½% 1999	120⅞	+⅛	8.74	6.02
121½	112⅞	Conv 10¼% 1999	120⅞	+⅛	8.53	6.09
116½	106	Conv 9% 2000	114⅞	+⅛	7.85	6.08
136⅞	125½	Treas 13% 2000	134⅞	+⅛	9.63	6.33
106⅞	97⅞	Treas 7% 2001	104⅞	+⅛	6.68	6.20
122⅞	109⅞	Treas 10% 2001	120⅞	+⅛	8.31	6.36
123⅞	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	121⅞	+⅛	8.04	6.47
113⅞	97⅞	Treas 8% 2003	111⅞	+⅛	7.17	6.34
127⅞	109⅞	Treas 10% 2003	124⅞	+⅛	8.00	6.48
129⅞	116½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	127⅞	+⅛	9.00	6.56
86⅞	67⅞	Fund 3½% 1999-04	84⅞	+⅛	4.14	5.46
105⅞	97½	Treas 6¾% 2004	103⅞	+⅛	4.40	6.31
125⅞	105½	Conv 9½% 2004	123	+⅛	7.72	6.50
125⅞	105½	Conv 9½% 2005	123⅞	+⅛	7.70	6.53
143⅞	124⅞	Treas 12½% 2003-05	141⅞	+⅛	8.85	6.71
111½	94⅞	Treas 8% 2002-06	109⅞	+⅛	7.28	6.50
112⅞	94⅞	Treas 7¾% 2006	110⅞	+⅛	7.03	6.56
136⅞	118⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	133⅞ †	+⅛	8.78	6.69
119⅞	97⅞	Treas 8½% 2007	116⅞	+⅛	7.25	6.61
151⅞	131⅞	Treas 13½% 2004-08	149⅞	+⅛	9.04	6.72
124⅞	101½	Treas 9% 2008	121⅞	...	7.39	6.65

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115⅞	92⅞	Treas 8% 2009	112⅞	-⅛	7.10	6.68
126⅞	100½	Conv 9% 2011	123⅞	-⅛	7.28	6.69
127⅞	102⅞	Treas 9% 2012	124⅞ †	...	7.23	6.68
94	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	90⅞	-⅛	6.06	6.36
114½	89½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	112⅞ †	-⅛	6.92	6.61
117½	93⅞	Treas 8% 2013	114⅞	+⅛	6.98	6.65
159⅞	125⅞	Exch 12% 2013-17	155⅞	-⅛	7.71	6.84
128⅞	97⅞	Treas 8¾% 2017	125⅞	+⅛	6.98	6.61

UNDATED

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54½	38½	War Ln 3½%	52½	...	6.65	...
37½	27⅞	Treas 2½%	36½	...	6.87	...

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1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
136⅞	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	136⅞	...	...	...
204½	194⅞	Treas IL 2% 1996	202⅞	...	1.25	2.14
113⅞	107⅞	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112½	...	1.45	2.07
176⅞	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	174⅞	...	2.27	2.62
173⅞	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	171½	...	2.49	2.77
118½	105½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	116⅞	...	2.52	2.80
184⅞	159½	Treas IL 2% 2006	182⅞ †	-⅛	2.59	2.80
168⅞	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	165½	-⅛	2.77	2.96
175⅞	148⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2011	172⅞ †	+⅛	2.83	3.00
146½	122⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2013	143⅞ †	+⅛	2.87	3.02
157½	130⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2016	153⅞ †	+⅛	2.92	3.06
152⅞	124⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2020	149	+⅛	2.96	3.09
129½	102⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2024	125½	+⅛	2.95	3.07
128⅞	102½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	125⅞ †	+⅛	2.97	3.09

Source: Fitstat

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Grofund Equity	252.80	267.90	+ 2.40	1.46
Grofund Euro	200.50	211.00	+ 3.70	...
Grofund Expt Bal	121.30	125.70	- 2.40	0.96
Grofund Gilt	82.07	84.61	- 0.02	4.29
Grofund Japan	165.60	174.30	+ 0.10	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St, Coventry 0203 553 231				
General Acc	551.60	586.90	+ 2.70	2.05
General Inc	496.90	528.70	+ 2.40	2.05
UK Growth Acc	376.20	400.30	+ 2.20	2.23
UK Growth Inc	263.80	280.70	+ 1.50	2.22
Higher Inc Acc	709.10	754.40	+ 5.50	3.11
Higher Inc Inc	424.00	451.10	+ 3.20	3.11
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	195.10	206.00	- 0.10	5.42
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	99.74	105.30	...	5.42
Nth America	263.30	280.20	- 0.70	...
Far East	350.20	372.60	- 2.20	...
Europe	269.20	286.40	- 1.50	0.49
Brit Excell	75.11	79.91	- 0.55	2.32
Brit Fndmtls Acc	107.60	113.90	+ 0.50	3.90
Brit Fndmtls Inc	81.23	86.42	- 0.40	3.90
Global Opps	85.64	91.11	+ 0.04	...
Balanced Acc	56.49	60.10	+ 0.21	2.11
Balanced Inc	55.98	59.56	+ 0.20	2.11
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	140.50	148.90	- 0.20	5.37
High Inc Equity	176.80	188.10	+ 1.60	4.18
Worldwide Bond	272.40	288.80	- 0.10	3.64
Capital Growth				
American Growth	316.10	338.00	+ 2.60	.93
Asian Pacific	372.40	398.30	- 4.90	.23
Assets & Earnings	277.90	295.60	+ 3.20	1.84
Comdty & Energy	131.20	140.30	+ 2.70	.34
1992 Enterprise	95.09	101.70	- 0.90	1.89
Euro Capital Inc	128.20	137.10	+ 2.10	.71
General	244.60	260.20	+ 2.50	2.09
Japan	118.80	127.00	- 0.50	...
Mastertrust	144.70	154.30	+ 0.30	1.28
UK Growth Dist	140.00	148.90	+ 1.10	1.92
US Emerging Cos	139.10	147.90	- 1.20	...
Income & Growth	411.80	438.00	- 4.30	3.00
Ethical	76.26	81.12	+ 0.67	2.24
International	117.70	125.20	- 0.30	.40
Dividend & Growth	65.43	69.60	+ 0.72	4.04
Global Gwth & Sec	64.60	68.72	+ 0.11	2.76
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UK Small Cos	1722.0	1798.0	...	...
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0800 833 580				
Aberdeen Portfolio	64.46	65.68	+ 0.14	0.76
Amer Inc & Growth	46.27	48.99	+ 0.26	0.64
Cash	50.25	50.25	+ 0.01	4.78
European	104.17	110.50	+ 0.88	...
European Income	97.88	103.90	+ 1.00	1.44
Exempt	1072.8	1129.3	+ 1.90	3.38
Extra Income	55.67	60.63	+ 0.11	4.34
Far East Emg Eco	121.00	130.80	- 0.28	0.50
Fixed Interest	25.65	27.38	+ 0.15	6.24
Fund Inv Tst	183.40	195.70	+ 0.80	0.87
Japan	185.70	198.03	- 0.90	...
Latin American	74.73	79.48	- 0.61	0.63
Pacific	76.12	81.53	- 0.20	0.33
Property Share	76.21	81.35	+ 0.61	1.62
UK Emerging Cos	68.09	72.68	+ 0.72	1.71
UK Growth	47.94	51.61	+ 0.28	2.28
World Growth	78.47	83.76	+ 0.23	0.65
Ethical	69.15	73.81	+ 0.45	2.41
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	55.70	55.70	+ 0.01	7.33
ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	98.79	105.10	+ 0.50	2.78
UK Equity Growth	87.72	93.32	+ 0.49	2.01
European	67.60	71.91	+ 0.49	0.63
Nth American	68.84	73.23	+ 0.06	0.96
Far Eastern	70.77	75.29	+ 0.26	0.33
Money	65.17	65.17	+ 0.02	3.79
Fixed Interest	74.09	78.82	+ 0.03	6.17
Index Linked Gilt	69.51	73.95	...	1.10
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 549 3232				
British Growth	73.17	77.84	+ 0.71	2.28
British Income	83.40	88.72	+ 1.20	3.06
Select Portfolio	87.83	93.44	+ 1.41	...
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD. 101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR 0452 305 958				
Amity Income	80.57	85.49	+ 0.65	1.92
Income Builder Inc	72.10	76.70	+ 0.62	2.67
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL IFA dlg: 0793 618 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	261.00	279.00	+ 2.30	2.71
Capital	450.30	481.30	+ 3.20	1.61
Balanced	742.20	793.40	+ 4.80	2.16
Accumulator	1334.0	1426.0	+ 8.00	2.69
Income Trusts				
American Income	50.96	54.04	- 0.06	3.39
High Income	456.30	487.70	+ 3.20	3.21
Equity Income	254.00	271.50	+ 1.70	3.22
High Yield	280.50	299.80	+ 2.00	3.11
Govt Securities	35.75	37.72	+ 0.01	4.85
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	139.20	148.80	+ 0.40	0.29
European Growth	33.73	35.85	+ 0.06	0.45
International	162.70	173.60	- 0.60	0.34
Japan	199.80	213.30	- 0.40	0.01
Pacific	429.20	458.80	- 0.10	0.17
Secs of America	428.50	466.40	+ 0.70	0.59
Wwide Asset Val	47.51	50.78	- 0.13	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	574.00	613.60	+ 5.10	2.04
Conv & Gilt	52.03	55.62	+ 0.35	3.49
Smaller Cos	180.50	192.90	+ 1.00	1.21
2nd Smaller Cos	172.60	184.50	+ 0.90	1.19
Recovery	153.30	163.80	+ 0.80	1.20
Met Min & Cdty	162.40	173.60	+ 0.90	0.72
Oseas Earnings	375.60	401.50	+ 2.80	1.96
Technology	162.20	173.30	+ 0.30	0.02
UK Special Sits	480.40	513.50	+ 3.40	1.87
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	105.20	109.20	- 0.10	1.45
Foundtn Persl Pens	67.77	70.40	- 0.15	4.00
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 28 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE 071 251 6767				
Capital	77.32	82.25	+ 0.90	1.88
International	63.65	67.71	...	0.50
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
America	307.40	331.40	+ 1.20	...
Bond	128.40	135.00	- 0.20	5.83
Brit Smlr Cos	102.90	109.50	- 0.80	0.92
Conv & Gen	66.98	71.48	+ 0.18	4.87
Energy	447.60	486.70	- 1.80	0.24
Europe	225.10	239.40	+ 2.40	0.50
Euro Smlr Cos	99.44	105.60	- 0.80	0.91
Income Gwth	370.40	395.30	+ 3.00	3.86
Japan	315.80	335.90	+ 0.50	...
Pacific	118.90	126.50	+ 0.10	0.67
UK Smlr Cos	50.94	54.19	+ 0.53	0.85
Japan Fd	726.30	747.20	- 1.30	...
Mngd Fd	182.30	193.90	+ 0.60	2.51
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	300.10	315.90	...	1.16
Capital Gwth	133.30	139.80	...	2.07
Wwide Opps	199.30	209.80	...	0.46
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bist Inv Fd Inc	369.50	384.90	+ 3.60	2.40
European Bd Inc	98.76	102.20	- 0.10	7.27
Exempt	81.29	86.71	+ 0.74	3.64
Financial	79.93	85.49	+ 1.17	2.01
500.00	478.60	510.50	+ 4.50	2.20
General	291.20	311.40	+ 2.80	2.17
Property	244.90	262.00	...	5.66
Trustee	197.00	210.70	+ 1.70	1.82
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.20	100.20	+ 0.10	4.61
Extra Income	126.30	135.10	+ 1.30	3.79
Gilt & Fxd Int	63.50	65.64	- 0.11	7.59
Income	571.80	611.50	+ 5.70	3.76
Income Builder	71.21	75.76	+ 0.49	4.36
Intl Income	70.34	74.83	+ 0.41	2.77
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	125.20	133.50	+ 1.50	2.25
Leisure	125.30	133.90	+ 1.40	1.27
Recovery	438.10	468.60	+ 5.50	2.26
Smllr Cos Inc	43.21	46.34	+ 0.41	1.90
Special Sits	297.20	317.90	+ 3.90	1.73
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	137.00	145.40	+ 0.50	0.15
Aust Acc	267.90	286.00	+ 5.40	1.32
Aust Inc	167.70	178.40	+ 3.40	1.32
Euro Gwth Inc	141.30	149.70	+ 2.30	0.42
Japan & Gen Inc	173.10	183.30	- 0.70	...
Japan Spec Sits	75.99	80.50	- 0.15	...
Univ Tech Inc	78.13	83.03	+ 0.26	0.59
Worldwide	178.80	189.80	+ 0.50	0.50
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Growth	102.10	108.20	+ 0.03	...
Amer Smlr Cos	134.70	144.30	- 1.10	...
Cash Trust	50.43	50.43	+ 0.01	4.90
Convertibles	61.58	65.86	+ 0.37	5.60
Eastern	301.50	325.30	- 1.20	1.60
Equity Income	97.58	103.80	+ 0.50	5.00
European Growth	291.30	309.50	+ 1.20	1.50
Europe	209.10	223.10	+ 1.40	1.50
German Growth	72.34	77.02	- 0.17	0.70
Global Bond	70.56	74.48	...	5.30
Global Growth	131.40	140.40	+ 0.50	...
Japan Growth	204.20	219.40	- 0.90	...
Japan Sunrise	176.70	188.20	- 0.50	...
Korea Trust	69.21	74.01	- 1.43	...
Portfolio	141.00	150.60	+ 0.30	3.20
UK Growth	97.11	103.30	- 0.50	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	96.68	103.40	+ 0.60	1.90
Select Managers	78.20	83.66	+ 0.37	2.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	79.07	84.12	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	55.11	58.63	...	...
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD 5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441				
Special Sits	185.30	198.20	+ 1.70	0.47
Dividend	85.94	91.91	+ 0.26	4.26
Int Gth & Inc	229.20	245.10	- 0.30	2.46
UK & Gen	47.49	50.79	+ 0.02	1.56
Fund of Funds	67.65	72.35	+ 0.86	...
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR 041 225 6020				
Balanced Growth	112.33	120.14	...	1.27
Smaller Cos	103.92	111.14	...	0.97
Higher Yield	47.30	50.59	...	2.43
American Gth Inc	72.98	78.06	...	...
European Growth	129.92	138.96	...	4.44
Global Bond Inc	31.74	33.68	...	1.02
Mngd Ptfolio Inc	44.11	47.18	...	...
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7210				
Short Dated Gilt	70.08	71.03	- 0.05	4.91
[...]IS UNIT MANAGERS LTD [PO] Box 105, Manchester M60 4AH [06]1 837 5060				
[...]uron	156.60	166.60	+ 1.10	1.22
Growth	174.70	185.90	+ 1.70	1.62
Income	145.00	154.30	+ 1.00	3.56
[...]ADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD [...] St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA [...]51 122				
[G]en Dist	195.40	207.20	- 1.30	1.75
[In]come Dist	119.40	126.60	- 0.70	4.22
Fxd Int	45.57	48.30	- 0.04	5.63
([...] see Lincoln National)				
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF 061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	152.10	161.00	- 0.20	...
European Inc	78.24	82.84	+ 0.66	0.53
Smaller Cos (4-1)	81.40	86.60	- 0.59	1.51
Growth	450.90	482.30	+ 5.00	1.93
Income & Growth	443.30	471.70	- 3.60	3.15
Japan & Gen	67.59	71.91	- 0.45	...
Master Portfolio	11077	11492	+60.00	1.70
Special Sits	108.40	110.00	- 1.80	1.86
High Yield	1439.0	1494.0	- 9.50	3.04
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh 031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561				
American Gwth Tst	38.27	40.92	+ 0.09	0.80
Cash Income	50.32	50.32	+ 0.02	5.02
European Gwth	38.14	41.74	+ 0.38	0.84
Income & Gwth Inc	30.37	32.48	+ 0.22	3.81
Intnl Gwth	31.88	34.09	+ 0.03	0.75
Japan Gwth	25.94	27.74	- 0.08	...
Managed Tst Inc	50.89	54.42	+ 0.18	0.48
Oriental Opps Inc	160.60	171.70	+ 1.80	0.57
Property Shares	45.83	49.01	+ 0.28	1.46
Smaller Cos	33.00	35.29	+ 1.05	1.50
UK Growth Tst	27.56	29.47	+ 0.34	2.56
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	75.81	81.07	+ 0.33	1.59
Cap Hse UK Inc	71.93	76.93	+ 0.37	2.22
Exempt	23.50	24.26	...	...
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	25.94	27.74	+ 0.17	0.36
European Acc	26.90	28.77	+ 0.18	0.36
Financial	161.70	172.90	- 1.50	2.35
Foundation	94.63	101.20	+ 0.70	2.52
German	49.90	53.36	- 0.09	0.07
High Income	81.85	88.68	+ 0.31	5.76
Income	143.50	153.40	+ 1.20	2.59
Intl Growth	38.27	40.93	+ 0.02	0.16
Mngd Ptflio Inc	109.20	116.50	+ 0.20	1.58
Mngd Ptflio Acc	207.70	222.10	+ 0.30	1.58
Monthly Income	85.31	91.24	+ 0.30	3.53
North American	109.90	117.50	- 0.20	0.15
Orient	149.70	159.40	- 1.10	...
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	84.60	90.41	...	2.12
American Portfolio	91.42	97.47	...	0.99
European Portfolio	94.12	100.61	...	1.00
Japanese Portfolio	64.94	69.15	...	...
Pacific Portfolio	149.92	161.21	- 0.09	0.23
UK Inc & Growth	77.79	83.27	...	3.58
Utility & Bond	59.87	60.59	- 0.21	5.91
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	68.95	73.35	+ 0.51	2.73
Global Tst	63.11	67.13	- 0.08	0.29
Recovery Tst	73.10	77.76	+ 0.46	1.69
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD 071 837 7447				
Intl Growth	149.99	162.08	...	...
UK Growth	111.53	120.50	...	1.05
UK Income	113.50	123.25	...	5.95
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	93.03	98.24	...	1.70
Beck Bio-Tech	41.63	44.29	...	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	166.50	175.26	...	1.20
City Fin Assets	74.93	78.87	- 0.40	1.55
City Fin America	81.16	85.43	...	...
City Fin Intl	77.81	81.91	...	0.48
City Fin Japan	155.85	164.05	...	...
Friars Hse Cap	285.30	301.90	+ 1.56	2.16
Friars Hse Inc	210.91	222.19	...	4.69
Buckley Wrld Grth	144.33	153.54	...	0.65
Fairmont Cap Grh	140.96	148.38	...	...
-do- Inc & Gth	118.52	124.76	...	1.55
Fairmount Intl	161.42	169.92	...	...
City Fin Ptflo Inc	63.07	67.10	...	2.47
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0992 412 144				
Emerging Markets	59.75	63.40	+ 0.02	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	58.91	63.57	+ 0.34	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	37.84	40.69	- 0.05	0.04
Dragon Growth	78.64	84.11	- 0.04	0.35
Equity High Inc	89.26	94.71	+ 0.61	3.23
European Gwth	49.45	52.47	+ 0.40	0.64
Evergreen	30.73	32.87	+ 0.03	0.48
General Equity	89.43	94.89	+ 0.68	1.97
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.65	29.06	+ 0.01	7.93
Japan Growth	45.86	49.52	- 0.13	...
Pedigree Gwth	53.03	56.27	+ 0.31	1.89
Ped Sm Cos Inc	32.99	35.00	+ 0.19	0.72
Retirement Inc	28.29	30.42	+ 0.18	4.88
Special Sits	38.76	41.45	+ 0.39	1.70
UK & Overseas	50.93	53.61	+ 0.13	1.01
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 898 000				
Capital	68.55	73.32	+ 0.39	2.62
Income	65.47	70.02	+ 0.22	3.36
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	179.09	190.52	+ 1.17	4.64
Fixed & Convertible	47.06	50.06	+ 0.07	5.67
Monthly Inc Plus	54.22	57.68	- 0.02	7.77
Preference Share	53.06	56.44	+ 0.04	6.74
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	141.30	150.35	+ 1.09	3.46
Managed Fund	70.90	75.43	+ 0.24	2.67
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	43.13	45.88	+ 0.27	1.79
UK & General	62.91	66.20	+ 0.47	2.45
UK Growth	143.84	153.02	+ 0.78	1.58
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	185.07	196.88	+ 1.97	...
Far Eastern Gth	140.71	149.69	- 1.60	0.28
Global Bond	88.19	93.70	- 0.22	5.70
Japan Growth	116.61	124.05	- 0.63	...
North Amer Grh	165.78	176.36	- 0.75	...
Oriental Growth	86.17	91.67	- 1.28	...
Worldwide Growth	64.92	69.06	+ 0.35	0.24
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.51	92.51	+ 0.02	4.72
Homemaker Fund	80.52	85.66	+ 0.21	1.79
Quilter Fund	144.47	153.69	+ 1.00	1.93
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	61.33	65.24	+ 0.38	2.40
High Income	36.12	38.42	+ 0.11	3.80
Japan	33.53	35.66	- 0.25	...
Smaller Cos Inc	32.20	34.25	+ 0.33	2.00
Smaller Cos	33.51	35.64	+ 0.34	2.00
North American	33.34	35.36	- 0.02	0.50
European	37.00	39.36	+ 0.44	0.50
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	33.35	35.72	...	4.14
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358				
Growth	147.10	156.50	+ 1.20	1.79
Income	80.05	85.16	+ 0.66	4.02
European	59.09	62.87	+ 0.59	0.77
Recovery	142.70	151.90	+ 1.10	1.52
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	865.60	879.00	...	3.45
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	74.25	78.99	+ 0.63	1.50
Income	253.20	269.40	+ 1.70	3.10
Smaller Cos	146.40	155.80	+ 1.10	0.75
Inv Portfolio	80.95	86.12	+ 0.95	1.76
High Income Port	71.72	76.30	+ 0.40	3.36
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS 071 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1474.3	1496.2	...	...
Japan Small Cos	1109.1	1131.4	...	...
UK Small Cos	1782.0	1857.0	...	...
US Small Cos	1636.3	1660.6	...	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	196.00	206.30	...	2.73
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	250.70	265.00	+ 2.30	1.13
New Asia	233.10	251.40	- 1.30	0.31
Japan Growth	118.10	125.60	- 0.50	...
Jap Smllr Co	498.20	524.20	+ 0.70	...
Nth Amer	251.10	266.30	+ 2.30	0.92
Shltrd Asia Pac Mt	131.00	138.70	- 0.40	0.45
UK Inc & Grth	232.50	248.30	+ 1.60	3.26
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	147.10	156.50	+ 2.00	2.20
UK High Inc Inc	165.10	175.60	+ 1.50	4.54
UK Pref & F I Inc	64.24	68.12	- 0.07	6.42
Envrnmntl Opps	84.53	89.93	+ 0.79	1.57
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh 0345 898 526				
American	123.80	131.50	+ 0.90	0.15
Convertibles	24.64	26.18	+ 0.16	7.45
Equity Income	143.60	152.60	+ 1.00	3.28
Eurofund	44.87	47.45	+ 0.16	0.84
Financial	52.82	56.12	+ 0.29	1.43
Growth & Inc	251.10	266.80	+ 1.60	2.81
High Dist	171.70	182.40	+ 1.50	4.11
International	391.10	415.50	+ 0.30	0.24
Intl Income	98.00	104.60	...	2.49
Latin American	50.52	53.68	- 0.63	0.23
Pacific	89.22	94.80	+ 0.40	...
Preference Share	26.01	27.64	+ 0.09	5.61
Tokyo	205.50	218.10	- 1.30	...
UK Smaller Cos	239.60	254.60	+ 0.70	0.92
ELCON LTD Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA 0689 70538				
Elcon Trust	225.20	240.50	...	...
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	205.70	218.80	...	0.39
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN 0296 431 480				
European	77.39	81.46	+ 0.35	1.57
Far Eastern	324.08	341.14	- 0.40	1.31
High Income	143.69	151.25	+ 1.06	4.05
Intl Growth	126.27	132.92	+ 0.33	0.90
North American	120.31	126.64	+ 0.09	0.96
Pelican	125.25	131.84	+ 0.66	2.81
Smaller Cos	75.81	79.80	+ 0.41	1.88
Special Sits	97.15	102.26	+ 1.14	1.79
Tst of Inv Tsts	194.31	204.54	+ 0.66	1.83
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	211.47	220.80	+ 2.22	1.63
Smaller Cos Acc	366.07	382.26	+ 3.86	1.63
Recovery	56.32	58.67	+ 1.26	1.94
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144				
Balanced	121.56	128.03	- 0.11	4.45
Capital Growth	85.60	91.80	+ 0.40	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	47.21	50.37	+ 0.09	0.22
High Income	49.94	53.27	+ 0.10	8.32
Warrant	66.34	72.11	+ 0.31	...
Zero Preference	37.97	40.26	- 0.04	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	78.85	83.88	...	2.25
Family Income Tst	53.08	56.46	...	5.75
Family Trust	86.65	92.13	...	1.32
United Charities	265.00	281.90	...	3.09
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161 Broker Dealings 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.60
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	25.26	26.61	- 0.02	3.03
-do- Europe	24.17	25.47	- 0.08	4.95
-do- America	23.87	25.15	- 0.03	0.46
-do- Acc Japan	27.22	28.77	+ 0.04	0.08
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	31.80	32.02	- 0.08	6.14
Intl Bond	33.11	34.49	- 0.22	4.75
Income Funds				
High Income	29.37	30.90	+ 0.05	4.95
Income Plus	129.80	138.10	+ 1.20	3.70
Amer Eq Inc	48.67	51.83	+ 0.08	1.81
European Income	44.31	47.13	- 0.22	2.36
Far East Inc	64.88	69.24	- 0.09	2.28
Global Convertible	25.33	27.02	+ 0.04	2.09
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	65.43	69.80	- 1.10	...
American	239.20	253.60	+ 2.10	...
Amer Spec Sits	112.50	120.10	+ 0.50	...
Japan Smaller Cos	38.68	41.26	+ 0.24	...
European	160.50	170.70	+ 0.90	...
European Opps	59.47	63.24	+ 0.34	...
UK Growth	91.20	96.98	- 0.60	...
Growth & Inc	162.90	173.30	+ 1.40	2.32
Intl PEP	36.47	38.78	+ 0.20	...
Japan Spec Sits	86.05	91.97	- 0.30	...
Japan	179.90	192.10	- 0.50	...
Managed Intl	265.90	283.90	+ 1.60	...
Moneybuilder	52.19	55.67	+ 0.20	...
Recovery	45.23	48.10	+ 0.55	...
South E Asia	166.20	177.30	- 0.70	...
Special Sits	524.30	557.50	+ 8.58	...
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	116.80	123.00	+ 0.80	2.92
UK Reverse Index	70.68	74.57	- 0.44	4.06
Europe Index	116.70	122.90	+ 0.40	4.43
-do- Reverse Index	63.39	67.39	- 0.73	8.54
America Index	103.40	108.90	+ 0.10	0.70
-do- Reverse Index	91.67	96.78	- 0.56	0.94
Japan Index	122.90	129.40	- 3.10	0.01
-do- Reverse Index	93.98	99.61	+ 1.73	1.51
Cash Accum Units	104.10	104.10	+ 0.03	4.60
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2300				
Balanced	147.60	150.90	...	2.00
Inc Ptflio	94.65	96.53	+ 0.55	3.31
Cap Ptflio	154.90	158.00	+ 0.10	0.36
General Opps	135.90	137.80	...	3.14
Growth Inc	32.81	33.47	- 0.12	2.04
Private Portfolio	434.80	441.90	...	1.38
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Admin, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1454 Dlg: 0277 261 080				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	111.40	117.80	+ 0.50	...
Far Eastern	177.30	189.90	- 0.70	...
High Income	23.76	25.29	- 0.03	9.98
Oseas Income	100.78	107.48	+ 0.30	2.77
UK Growth	116.80	124.90	+ 0.50	0.76
UK Income	115.80	124.00	+ 0.70	4.84
US Smaller Cos	295.00	315.50	+ 1.80	...
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	53.27	56.67	+ 0.34	3.67
-do- Inv Tst Inc	79.74	84.83	+ 0.25	3.65
Intl Growth	74.10	78.83	...	1.15
Investment Trust	93.31	99.27	+ 0.35	0.22
UK Smaller Cos	84.39	89.78	+ 0.56	1.23
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
American Growth	55.85	59.68	+ 0.33	...
(Accum Units)	55.85	59.68	+ 0.33	...
Amer Smllr Cos	503.10	534.80	+ 0.20	...
(Accum Units)	510.90	546.30	+ 0.60	...
Capital Tst	325.60	346.30	+ 2.20	1.66
(Accum Units)	458.20	487.30	+ 3.00	1.66
Cond Smllr Cos	57.57	61.68	+ 0.20	0.44
(Accum Units)	60.18	64.48	+ 0.21	0.44
Convertible	142.20	151.20	- 0.70	4.97
(Accum Units)	275.50	293.00	- 1.40	4.97
Emerging Markets	85.91	91.78	- 0.07	...
(Accum Units)	85.99	91.86	- 0.07	...
European	116.20	123.50	+ 0.40	0.21
(Accum Units)	121.20	128.70	+ 0.40	0.21
Extra Income	349.80	372.00	- 2.20	3.20
(Accum Units)	507.10	539.40	+ 3.50	3.20
Financial	128.20	137.70	+ 0.70	0.22
(Accum Units)	134.20	144.20	+ 0.80	0.22
Gilt Trust	72.04	74.27	- 0.05	5.31
(Accum Units)	95.37	98.33	- 0.07	5.31
Health Fund Inc	141.90	151.60	+ 0.30	...
(Accum Units)	141.90	151.60	+ 0.30	...
Income & Growth	210.40	223.80	+ 1.70	3.13
(Accum Units)	304.80	324.20	+ 2.50	3.13
Intl Growth	371.90	399.40	+ 1.30	...
(Accum Units)	413.00	443.60	+ 1.50	...
Japan & Gen	186.00	198.20	- 0.20	...
(Accum Units)	186.90	200.20	- 0.20	...
Managed Port Inc	108.80	114.50	+ 0.50	0.63
(Accum Units)	114.30	120.30	+ 0.50	0.63
Monthly Income	177.50	188.80	+ 1.50	3.31
Quarterly Income	58.28	61.99	+ 0.26	4.09
(Accum Units)	59.61	63.40	+ 0.26	4.09
Recovery	351.20	375.50	+ 3.40	0.14
(Accum Units)	412.70	441.30	+ 4.20	0.14
UK Growth	55.51	59.04	+ 0.26	2.27
(Accum Units)	55.31	59.04	+ 0.26	2.27
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622				
FP Equity Dist	407.78	433.81	+ 3.37	2.17
-do- Accum	841.22	894.91	+ 6.95	2.17
FP Euro Gth Dist	128.80	137.02	+ 1.60	0.37
-do- Accum	133.76	142.30	+ 1.66	0.37
FP Fixed Int Dist	146.14	154.58	- 0.16	5.40
-do- Accum	253.15	267.77	- 0.26	5.40
FP Intl Gth Dist	92.91	97.88	+ 0.34	0.41
-do- Accum	95.78	101.89	+ 0.48	0.41
FP Nth Amer Dist	193.62	205.11	+ 0.47	0.61
-do- Accum	211.55	226.10	+ 0.52	0.61
FP Pac Basin Dist	316.07	336.24	- 0.56	0.01
-do- Accum	322.09	342.65	- 0.58	0.01
Stewardship Dist	352.71	375.22	+ 2.60	1.61
-do- Accum	423.35	450.37	+ 3.12	1.61
Swrdship Inc Dist	76.77	81.67	+ 0.46	2.93
-do- Accum	96.23	102.37	+ 0.58	2.93
N Am Stshp Dist	102.93	109.50	+ 0.47	0.35
-do- Accum	108.94	115.89	+ 0.50	0.35
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD PO Box 257, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 886/7				
GANDA	252.00	266.50	+ 2.80	1.84
Cash	49.65	50.39	+ 0.02	4.34
Growth Portfolio	86.50	91.69	+ 0.21	0.33
Income Portfolio	73.21	77.41	+ 0.59	3.22
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	158.90	170.00	+ 0.90	...
European	532.10	567.80	+ 9.30	1.27
Far East & Gen	269.30	288.10	- 0.50	...
Germany	120.10	128.10	+ 0.20	...
Global Assets Inc	...	...	...	...
Income Inc	156.00	166.90	+ 0.70	4.73
International	349.50	373.80	+ 1.30	0.63
Intl Income	88.34	93.78	+ 0.54	3.77
Japan & General	401.70	422.60	- 0.70	...
Korean Securities	66.13	70.57	- 1.09	0.19
Smllr Cos Div Inc	51.76	55.36	+ 0.49	4.06
UK Capital (Inc)	188.00	201.10	- 1.10	1.75
UK Spec Sits	91.22	97.57	+ 0.37	0.34
US & General	134.70	143.50	+ 0.90	...
Wwide Spec Sits	169.50	180.10	- 1.00	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Dlgs only: 0277 264 421 Investor Services, Freephone 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	53.75	57.49	+ 0.25	1.84
Cash Trust	131.82	131.82	+ 0.03	4.59
Practical Inv Inc	119.24	127.53	- 0.15	3.46
UK Index	156.60	159.38	+ 0.91	2.71
UK Smaller Cos	121.56	130.01	+ 1.19	1.32
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.78	29.71	- 0.62	8.52
High Income	37.41	40.01	+ 0.18	4.35
UK Equity Income	150.78	161.26	+ 0.96	3.31
Global Bond	30.77	31.88	- 0.09	4.58
International Funds				
Frontier Markets	67.08	71.74	- 1.09	...
Global Inc & Gth	139.54	148.62	- 0.52	1.47
Gold & Intl Res	121.18	129.60	+ 0.15	0.53
Global Utilities	137.65	146.91	+ 0.09	0.67
Overseas Funds				
American	142.38	152.15	+ 0.47	0.48
European	96.12	101.77	+ 0.48	0.88
Euro Sel Opps	125.19	130.85	+ 0.68	0.21
Amer Emerging	102.83	108.58	+ 0.64	...
Hong Kong	177.63	189.96	+ 0.93	0.87
Japan	226.43	240.79	+ 0.07	...
Pacific Growth	236.86	252.26	- 3.11	...
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	219.48	219.48	+ 1.08	1.73
Long Term Bal	236.43	236.43	- 2.91	2.07
Med Term Bal	202.85	202.85	+ 0.37	2.39
UK Equity	245.93	245.93	+ 1.53	1.37
UK Emerging Cos	143.81	143.81	+ 0.77	1.87
American	235.90	235.90	+ 0.49	1.24
Japan	127.96	127.96	- 0.08	...
European	244.50	244.50	+ 1.54	1.01
Index Linked Gilt	175.60	175.60	+ 0.32	2.92
Fixed Interest	169.87	169.87	- 0.11	6.10
Amer Emergos	264.19	264.19	+ 1.34	...
Pacific	250.18	250.18	- 6.02	0.58
Emerging Mkts	202.55	202.55	- 1.72	...
Index Strat Japan	143.06	143.06	...	0.25
-do- Pacific Rim	210.00	210.00	...	1.22
-do- Cont Europe	145.70	145.70	...	1.65
Index Strat USA	132.42	132.42	...	2.10
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	103.88	110.51	+ 0.54	...
Med Term Bal	96.54	102.70	+ 1.36	...
Long Term Bal	106.63	113.44	- 1.38	...
UK Equity	113.75	121.01	- 0.75	...
UK Emerging Cos	67.46	71.76	+ 0.38	...
American	109.73	116.73	+ 0.24	...
Japan	61.64	65.58	- 0.04	...
European	102.11	108.63	+ 0.68	...
Fixed Interest	85.44	90.90	- 0.05	...
Index Linked Gilt	77.80	82.76	+ 0.15	...
Deposit	76.51	81.40	+ 0.02	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Grth	130.80	137.68	+ 0.39	...
Berkeley Income	119.13	125.40	+ 0.47	3.02
BWH Intl	140.80	148.21	+ 1.34	0.57
Brkliff Gth Port Inc	63.50	66.81	+ 0.34	3.50
-do- Inc Port Inc	61.20	64.59	- 0.29	3.75
-do- Wwide Port	54.23	57.23	+ 0.71	1.00
Shaw Utilities	58.28	61.51	+ 0.33	3.46
GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD 22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7533				
Inv Opportunities	148.20	156.30	...	...
Higher Income	132.60	139.50	...	1.60
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management Ltd 12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	575.66	612.43	...	0.09
European Inc	146.66	156.01	...	...
Amalgam Inc	150.99	159.82	...	...
N America Inc	318.69	339.08	...	...
Far East Inc	337.51	359.06	...	0.20
UK Divrsfd Inc	168.17	178.90	...	0.96
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	89.72	94.43	+ 0.40	4.02
UK Small Cos	50.84	54.49	+ 0.43	1.10
British Growth	59.50	63.71	- 0.58	2.14
American Gwth	163.02	174.35	+ 0.86	...
Japan Gwth	79.10	84.58	- 0.26	...
Greater China	212.83	227.63	- 1.22	0.95
Pacific Strategy	178.81	191.24	- 1.48	0.15
European Gwth	81.46	87.12	+ 0.78	0.52
Intl Growth	156.35	167.19	- 0.62	0.24
US Index (£)	13.884	14.659	-0.014	1.50
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	81.16	85.80	- 0.71	2.15
Monthly Income	47.09	50.06	- 0.21	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
UK Index (£)	12.409	12.970	+0.056	4.40
Euro Index (£)	12.867	13.466	-0.002	4.50
Japan Index (£)	10.358	10.841	-0.114	1.85
US Index (£)	14.690	15.294	-0.017	1.50
Cash (£)	9.5785	9.6264	-0.002	5.10
UK Bear (£)	7.0976	7.4219	-0.031	4.40
European Bear (£)	7.3758	7.7164	-0.042	4.50
Japan Bear (£)	12.385	12.963	+0.229	1.85
US Bear (£)	9.0257	9.4423	-0.003	1.50
Dollar Bull (£)	15.779	16.515	-0.008	1.50
Dollar Bear (£)	6.9348	7.2502	-0.018	4.40
Gilt Bull (£)	11.987	12.530	+0.023	4.40
Gilt Bear (£)	6.9893	7.3055	-0.013	4.43
Dollar Cash (£)	10.607	10.660	-0.006	1.90
Grd UK Index (£)	12.951	13.673	+0.209	4.40
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	91.48	97.32	...	1.23
Bridge Income	289.35	307.81	...	4.78
GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9648				
Cash	134.10	134.10	+ 0.10	4.60
European	446.90	477.40	+ 4.00	0.12
Gilt & Fixed	139.80	148.30	- 0.10	4.57
Growth Equity	349.50	373.30	+ 3.50	1.79
Income Trust	133.50	142.60	+ 1.10	2.81
International	185.30	197.90	+ 0.40	...
Japan Trust	121.00	129.20	- 1.10	...
Nth American	278.40	297.40	+ 1.20	0.25
Pacific	613.90	655.80	- 6.30	...
Guardhill	508.60	543.30	+ 4.00	1.89
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE 071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	116.08	120.50	- 0.11	7.58
Global High Inc	120.69	125.30	...	7.95
Prem Fixed Int	118.43	122.95	- 0.42	7.53
Eqty & Bond Inc	111.07	118.10	- 0.44	4.85
European Growth	92.72	98.58	- 0.17	0.15
Intl PEP Trust	59.97	63.76	+ 0.76	1.02
High Income	125.85	133.82	+ 0.83	3.10
Recovery	384.90	409.20	+ 3.20	1.40
St Vinc High Inc	130.66	141.75	+ 0.81	6.60
Trnp Bar Ener Co	238.20	253.30	+ 0.10	1.35
Trnp Br Sm Co In	350.70	356.90	+ 1.20	1.88
HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838 868				
Global Advtg Inc	40.94	43.40	+ 0.50	1.32
Income Advtg Inc	34.30	36.36	+ 0.10	3.26
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 222 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Ptflio	212.10	225.00	+ 2.30	2.03
Smaller Cos	34.40	36.60	+ 0.32	1.58
HENDERSON UNIT TST MGMT LTD PO Box 2197, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 722				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	301.24	322.86	- 3.33	1.33
Best of British	66.04	70.61	- 0.24	2.01
UK Smaller Cos	128.23	135.69	- 1.04	1.62
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	289.91	308.75	+ 2.00	2.78
High Income	343.42	367.10	- 1.39	3.48
Extra Income	310.47	330.52	- 1.38	3.82
Pref & Gilt	49.94	53.67	+ 0.83	7.57
International				
International	278.03	296.75	- 0.69	0.23
Global Bond	59.71	63.52	- 0.13	6.15
Family of Funds	83.12	88.84	+ 1.16	0.29
Global Tech	152.70	163.31	- 1.69	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	193.74	207.18	- 0.87	...
European	462.85	490.12	+ 3.86	0.27
European Income	84.23	89.06	+ 0.25	2.25
Euro Smlr Cos	142.13	151.51	+ 0.46	0.27
Eur Sp Sits	64.31	68.63	+ 0.99	0.17
Japan Trust	206.80	220.30	- 0.58	...
Japan Special Sits	237.85	253.64	- 0.61	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	222.21	289.58	- 1.23	0.06
North American	246.03	261.72	+ 0.85	...
American Smaller	110.00	117.59	+ 0.65	...
Henderson Tr Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	58.44	61.94	+ 0.34	...
Eur Sp Sits	55.20	58.51	+ 0.79	...
General Growth	43.91	46.54	+ 0.14	...
Global Tech	59.76	63.34	- 0.66	...
Income Growth	43.57	46.72	+ 0.30	...
Japan Growth	25.29	26.80	- 0.07	...
Overseas Growth	40.57	43.00	+ 0.09	...
Smaller Cos	22.17	23.50	+ 0.05	...
Special Opps	29.25	31.00	+ 0.23	...
Sterling Liquidity	...	...	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	50.66	53.69	+ 0.06	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	106.20	113.50	+ 1.00	1.74
Capital	181.60	194.20	- 1.30	1.56
Dollar	345.80	369.80	+ 1.60	0.01
European	234.00	250.20	+ 2.40	0.63
Far East	356.90	383.90	- 1.00	0.21
Financial	882.80	944.10	+ 4.00	1.28
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	70.84	72.48	+ 0.10	...
High Yield	119.00	127.20	+ 0.70	3.86
Income & Growth	159.40	170.40	+ 0.90	2.85
International	249.60	266.90	+ 0.90	0.06
Japanese General	185.50	198.10	- 0.40	...
Japan Tech	70.50	75.40	- 0.50	...
Nat Resources	78.81	84.28	+ 0.21	0.42
Portfolio	77.50	82.88	+ 0.48	1.67
Security	348.00	372.10	+ 1.70	1.73
Smaller Cos	132.80	142.00	+ 1.00	1.23
Special Sits	161.60	172.80	+ 1.20	1.28
UK Emerging Cos	87.45	93.52	+ 0.40	0.29
US Smaller Cos	74.40	79.57	+ 0.30	...
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 181 890 James Capel Unit Trusts Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 181 890				
Index Funds				
American Index	205.70	218.90	+ 0.80	1.20
Eurotrack 100	154.90	164.80	+ 1.10	0.95
Footsie Fund	94.01	99.28	+ 0.30	2.52
Japan Index	75.60	80.61	- 0.68	0.13
Tiger Index	218.80	233.60	- 3.20	0.18
Trade Index	121.80	131.40	+ 1.50	1.67
UK Index	146.60	156.50	+ 1.00	2.65
Active Funds				
American Growth	486.50	519.20	+ 2.10	0.16
Capital	627.20	669.40	+ 1.00	2.03
European Growth	105.60	112.10	+ 0.90	0.29
Far East Growth	60.89	64.98	- 0.10	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	24.99	25.22	+ 0.06	6.16
Hong Kong Growth	121.90	130.40	- 0.80	0.10
Income	609.80	650.80	+ 4.80	3.50
Intl Growth	78.84	84.02	+ 0.14	0.10
Japan Growth	269.80	287.90	- 0.90	...
Japan Smllr Cos	34.22	36.44	- 0.01	...
Spore & Mlysn Gth	77.59	82.81	- 1.99	...
Midland Unit Trusts Dealing 0742 529 000 Enquiries 0742 529 050				
Balanced	62.80	67.17	+ 0.09	2.12
(Accum Units)	64.57	69.05	+ 0.08	2.12
British Tst	90.47	96.76	+ 0.52	1.75
(Accum Units)	102.40	109.50	+ 0.60	1.75
Extra High Inc	76.83	82.17	+ 0.14	5.48
(Accum Units)	140.80	150.50	+ 0.20	5.48
Gilt & Fxd Int	60.59	63.07	- 0.03	5.91
(Accum Units)	166.00	172.80	- 0.10	5.91
High Yield	269.40	287.80	+ 1.10	4.25
(Accum Units)	601.00	642.70	+ 2.50	4.25
Income	324.70	347.30	+ 1.60	2.64
(Accum Units)	686.40	734.10	+ 3.30	2.64
Japan Growth	341.00	365.70	- 1.50	...
(Accum Units)	360.80	385.80	- 1.50	...
Mandarin Tst	136.50	146.00	+ 0.50	0.60
(Accum Units)	140.90	150.70	+ 0.50	0.60
Money Markets UT	49.57	49.57	+ 0.02	4.61
(Accum Units)	74.48	74.48	+ 0.03	4.61
Monthly Income	95.09	101.70	+ 0.30	3.64
North American	184.80	197.60	+ 0.80	0.42
(Accum Units)	233.60	249.80	+ 1.10	0.42
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	105.20	112.10	+ 0.60	1.75
European Growth	101.10	107.30	+ 0.50	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	89.13	94.60	- 0.20	5.85
Income	92.32	98.21	+ 0.52	2.69
Japan Growth	51.12	54.38	- 0.21	...
Managed	69.94	74.03	+ 0.13	2.27
Money Market	82.66	87.61	+ 0.04	4.59
North American	89.32	95.02	+ 0.31	0.47
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	96.07	102.20	+ 0.50	1.73
European Growth	95.13	101.20	- 0.50	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	84.95	90.16	- 0.03	5.83
Income	90.72	96.51	+ 0.51	2.66
Japan Growth	51.02	54.28	- 0.21	...
Managed	66.58	70.83	+ 0.12	2.35
Money Market	76.40	80.99	+ 0.04	4.54
North American	81.36	86.55	+ 0.28	0.56
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	96.44	102.60	+ 0.60	1.71
European Growth	92.83	98.75	- 0.48	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	78.80	83.64	- 0.03	5.90
Income	90.29	95.99	+ 0.50	2.66
Japan Growth	52.23	55.56	- 0.22	...
Managed	69.98	74.45	+ 0.13	2.33
Money Market	71.84	76.15	+ 0.03	4.57
North American	90.22	95.98	+ 0.32	0.44
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	75.42	80.13	+ 0.14	0.42
Smaller Cos	31.15	33.30	+ 0.15	1.59
Special Features	33.65	35.75	+ 0.18	1.25
(Accum Units)	40.11	42.61	+ 0.21	1.25
General Funds				
Assets & Earnings	81.95	87.07	- 0.39	1.32
Accum Units	98.53	104.60	- 0.30	1.32
General Equities	79.42	84.38	+ 0.17	2.56
Great British Cos	55.92	59.80	- 0.33	1.49
Managed Invest	102.70	109.10	- 0.30	1.10
PEP Managed	74.81	79.87	+ 0.29	1.95
Expert Child Tst	87.50	90.35	+ 0.26	1.63
UK Growth	63.67	68.06	+ 0.40	1.39
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.75	50.75	+ 0.01	3.76
Cashbox (Acc)	57.22	57.22	+ 0.01	3.76
Extra Income	92.38	98.78	- 1.54	4.29
Gilt	30.31	31.94	- 0.02	5.69
Income & Growth	45.45	48.48	+ 0.29	2.91
Mthmstar Gilt & FI	82.49	84.93	- 0.12	6.87
Preference Shares	19.66	20.88	+ 0.01	5.96
UK Income	369.40	394.60	- 3.00	2.83
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fin Securities	72.98	77.54	+ 0.52	0.61
Property Shares	85.43	91.66	- 0.29	1.03
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	52.18	55.42	+ 0.07	0.73
US Smaller Cos	123.40	131.10	- 1.90	...
(Accum Units)	124.70	132.40	- 1.90	...
Europe Perf	146.30	154.90	- 1.50	...
(Accum Units)	151.20	160.10	- 1.50	...
Euro Smaller Cos	27.65	29.35	+ 0.18	...
French Growth	79.82	84.60	- 0.23	...
Accum Units	85.25	90.38	- 0.25	...
H Kong & China	105.50	112.00	+ 0.60	0.39
Intl Growth	58.10	61.73	+ 0.01	0.12
Accum Units	58.39	62.03	+ 0.01	0.12
Japan Perf	32.55	34.55	- 0.14	...
Accum Units	32.55	34.55	- 0.14	...
Japan Smaller Cos	39.15	41.58	- 0.04	...
Singapore ASEAN	114.70	124.60	- 1.30	...
Accum Units	115.50	125.50	- 1.70	...
SE Asia	348.40	370.10	- 3.50	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	97.60	104.00	+ 0.40	1.84
Intl Bond	60.24	61.62	- 0.18	5.76
JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD 197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB 071 581 3020				
American Cap	185.40	197.20	+ 3.20	...
Income	151.33	160.99	+ 0.63	3.36
Res & General	...	...	...	...
UK Growth	54.21	57.67	+ 0.29	0.91
International	88.29	93.93	+ 0.05	0.01
Ecology	85.36	90.71	- 0.23	0.57
European	115.73	122.94	+ 2.04	...
Far Eastern	371.60	395.30	- 0.20	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS 10 Fenchurch Street London EC3 Dealers: 071 956 7354 Admin: 071 956 6608				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	60.67	64.76	+ 0.38	6.02
(Accum Units)	84.71	90.18	+ 0.52	6.02
Gilt Yield	128.00	135.00	...	6.56
(Accum Units)	373.90	394.60	...	6.56
Global Income	238.40	253.60	- 2.18	3.40
(Accum Units)	526.10	559.70	- 4.82	3.40
High Yield	160.10	170.30	+ 2.64	5.04
(Accum Units)	460.00	489.40	+ 8.02	5.04
Smllr Cos Div	58.99	62.76	+ 0.30	3.15
(Accum Units)	73.72	78.43	+ 0.38	3.15
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	99.64	106.00	+ 0.60	...
(Accum Units)	103.10	109.70	+ 0.90	...
North American	79.81	84.91	+ 0.44	0.20
(Accum Units)	97.84	104.10	+ 0.60	0.20
European Special	90.35	96.12	+ 0.48	1.30
(Accum Units)	94.79	100.80	+ 0.50	1.20
European	153.20	163.00	- 0.20	1.20
(Accum Units)	200.60	213.40	- 0.20	1.20
General	300.30	319.50	+ 1.20	2.82
(Accum Units)	500.80	532.40	+ 1.90	2.82
Japan	411.50	437.80	- 0.10	...
(Accum Units)	416.00	442.60	- 0.20	...
Japanese Special	239.20	254.50	- 2.80	...
(Accum Units)	240.50	255.90	- 3.30	...
Master Accum	255.90	272.20	+ 1.50	0.79
Pacific	357.20	380.00	- 0.40	0.36
(Accum Units)	416.90	445.60	- 0.50	0.36
Smaller Cos	116.70	124.20	+ 0.85	0.94
(Accum Units)	158.20	168.30	+ 1.20	0.94
UK Equity Growth	43.91	46.71	+ 0.65	1.50
(Accum Units)	81.71	86.93	+ 1.22	1.50
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 361 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0LA 071 629 1683				
High Income Unit	57.48	61.57	+ 0.42	4.40
Global Growth PEP	63.84	67.91	+ 0.86	...
Inv Trust PEP	51.21	54.47	+ 0.09	...
Higher Risk Invest	58.28	61.99	- 0.57	...
LAS UNIT TST MGRS LTD 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	90.97	96.78	+ 1.32	0.84
Extra Income	27.61	29.37	- 0.05	3.32
Far East	31.84	33.87	- 0.10	0.26
Income & Gwth	83.68	89.02	+ 0.84	2.18
Intl Growth	59.26	63.04	+ 0.22	0.48
Japan	63.84	67.91	- 0.34	...
Maximum Inc Dist	102.43	104.40	- 0.50	6.97
Nth Amer Equity	41.84	44.51	+ 0.32	0.18
UK Equity	98.67	105.00	+ 1.00	2.14
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800				
Income	671.40	685.10	...	4.73
Intl & General	452.40	461.60	...	0.56
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 071 407 5966				
Inc & Growth Inc	60.69	64.55	+ 0.45	3.87
Smaller Cos	54.66	58.05	- 0.09	0.86
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	266.60	283.60	+ 2.50	1.60
High Income	120.70	128.40	+ 1.00	3.41
International	98.11	104.40	- 0.90	0.30
Recovery Trust	67.70	72.02	+ 1.09	1.22
European Trust	81.80	87.02	+ 0.75	0.94
Japanese Trust	43.56	46.34	- 0.25	...
American Trust	83.44	88.77	- 0.47	...
Managed	69.46	73.89	+ 0.43	0.46
Cash	51.51	51.51	+ 0.01	4.36
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916				
UK Cap	369.90	375.40	...	2.61
UK Inc Gth	407.50	413.60	...	2.98
UK Income	290.10	294.60	...	3.38
UK Sm Cos	250.50	259.60	...	1.41
Euro Gwth	117.70	118.60	...	0.32
N Amer Gwth	82.26	83.12	...	...
Jap & Pac Gth	80.38	81.44	...	0.14
Money Mkt	117.11	117.11	...	2.350
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	503.10	535.20	+ 3.10	2.25
Equity Income	108.90	115.80	+ 0.90	3.19
UK Tactical Allocn	60.47	64.22	+ 0.09	3.25
European	113.60	120.90	+ 1.00	0.85
Far Eastern	242.20	257.70	- 0.90	...
Fixed Interest	58.10	61.68	- 0.03	5.92
Gilt	100.80	106.80	- 0.20	5.44
Global Growth	81.01	86.18	+ 0.30	0.29
Intl Bond	57.90	61.55	- 0.19	4.42
Japanese	71.61	76.18	- 0.36	...
North American	157.40	167.40	- 0.30	0.34
Pacific Growth	133.00	141.50	- 0.20	0.20
UK Index	66.74	70.44	- 0.40	2.70
UK Recovery	95.60	101.70	+ 0.80	1.68
UK Smaller Cos	125.90	133.90	+ 1.30	1.15
US Index	60.99	64.37	+ 0.19	1.63
European Index	72.21	76.21	+ 0.48	1.42
Japan Index	39.30	41.57	- 0.37	...
Worldwide	86.10	93.72	+ 0.38	1.33
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	51.24	53.34	+ 0.19	3.02
Income	63.36	67.71	+ 0.65	3.47
Far East	58.08	63.19	- 0.07	...
North American	104.70	112.10	+ 1.00	...
Gilt	105.00	112.20	...	...
European	89.80	95.04	+ 0.86	0.81
Japan	107.90	115.40	- 0.10	...
Intl Currency Bd	60.83	64.54	- 0.16	5.89
SE Asia	130.20	139.30	- 1.90	0.67
UK Capital Growth	98.27	105.10	+ 0.40	1.83
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313				
Balanced	362.30	391.20	- 3.40	3.35
-do- Acc	816.20	864.40	+ 7.40	2.25
Cont'l Euro Gth	61.17	64.96	+ 0.89	0.74
-do- Acc	65.73	69.19	+ 0.95	0.74
Extra Inc	278.40	296.20	+ 2.20	3.19
-do- Acc	696.10	742.50	+15.70	3.19
German Gth	118.60	124.90	+ 0.70	0.17
-do- Acc	124.30	130.90	+ 0.70	0.17
Growth Port	571.50	608.00	+ 4.50	0.01
-do- Acc	576.40	613.20	+ 4.60	0.01
Income Port	522.60	556.00	+ 4.50	3.03
-do- Acc	1363.0	1451.0	+12.00	3.03
Intl Inc Gth	543.60	578.40	+ 2.60	3.54
-do- Acc	557.70	593.40	+ 2.70	3.54
Japan Growth	98.71	106.10	- 0.20	...
-do- Acc	101.80	106.30	- 0.20	...
Master Trust	61.21	65.12	+ 0.37	0.93
-do- Acc	67.38	71.69	+ 0.40	0.93
N American Gen	202.40	215.40	- 0.80	...
-do- Acc	233.80	248.80	- 1.00	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	150.80	160.50	- 0.20	...
-do- Acc	153.90	163.80	- 0.20	...
Pacific Basin	304.50	324.00	- 0.70	0.26
-do- Acc	321.60	342.20	- 0.70	0.26
Small Cos Rec	358.00	376.90	+ 1.90	2.05
-do- Acc	470.20	495.00	+ 2.90	2.05
UK Growth	91.61	97.46	+ 0.93	1.79
-do- Acc	108.80	115.80	+ 1.10	1.79
Worldwide Gth	337.70	359.30	- 2.30	0.10
-do- Acc	498.10	529.90	- 3.60	0.10
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673				
American	67.04	71.93	+ 0.29	0.30
General	92.03	98.74	+ 0.85	2.30
Income	73.53	78.90	+ 0.56	4.50
International	66.05	70.87	+ 0.21	0.70
Japan	53.00	56.87	- 0.19	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	72.66	77.98	- 0.41	1.50
M & G SECURITIES M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	420.70	444.90	+ 1.40	0.69
Amer Recovery	470.00	497.00	+ 2.60	0.25
Amer Smllr Cos	137.30	145.20	+ 0.70	...
Australasian	181.80	192.30	+ 4.40	1.00
Capital	827.00	874.60	+ 7.80	1.93
Charifund	760.30	798.00	+ 5.60	4.75
Commodity	393.50	416.10	+ 3.90	0.35
Compound Grth	960.30	1015.5	+ 7.50	2.24
Dividend	43.20	45.70	+ 0.60	3.87
Equity Income	361.90	382.70	+ 3.20	4.52
Euro & General	488.60	516.70	+ 3.10	0.56
Euro Dividend	71.80	75.90	- 0.60	3.37
Extra Yield	454.70	480.80	+ 4.00	4.01
Far Eastern	393.90	416.50	- 1.50	0.22
Fund of Inv Tsts	648.70	686.00	+ 2.70	1.71
General	64.30	68.00	+ 0.40	3.46
Gilt Income	69.70	69.81	- 0.17	6.44
Gold	77.00	81.40	+ 1.30	0.28
High Income	30.50	32.30	+ 0.20	4.13
Intl Growth	80.10	84.70	+ 0.44	0.65
International Inc	108.30	114.50	+ 1.10	3.98
Japan & Gen	45.80	48.40	+ 0.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	155.10	164.00	- 0.90	...
Managed Income	29.60	31.20	+ 0.20	3.61
Midland	65.00	68.70	+ 0.50	2.90
Pension Ex	1002.0	1027.1	+ 7.70	3.52
Recovery	43.40	45.90	+ 0.40	2.12
Second General	73.90	78.20	- 0.60	3.13
Smaller Cos	70.80	74.90	+ 0.50	2.59
Treasury	25.06	25.09	+ 0.01	4.92
Trustee	45.60	48.20	+ 0.40	3.81
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	80.20	85.31	+ 0.75	0.13
High Income	314.90	334.50	- 3.10	3.84
Intl Bond	70.40	74.08	- 0.11	4.77
Intl Equity Growth	71.04	75.57	- 0.35	0.36
N Amer Growth	100.50	106.91	- 0.55	0.71
Special Sits Growth	22.90	24.36	- 0.25	1.79
UK Growth	396.50	421.80	+ 4.20	2.23
MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD 46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian 062 082 5867				
Joint Investors	1334.5	1362.4	...	2.59
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	149.70	154.30	...	3.73
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD St George's Way, Stevenage Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	202.10	216.20	- 1.90	2.01
Gilt & Fxd Int	195.00	205.10	- 0.20	5.00
Intl Growth	214.00	229.10	+ 0.50	0.19
North American	185.40	198.70	+ 0.80	0.23
Far East	294.50	315.00	- 3.70	0.25
UK Smaller Cos	169.90	181.70	+ 0.90	1.47
European	78.65	84.32	+ 1.09	0.32
Japanese Growth	44.42	47.33	- 0.19	...
Managed Ptflio	70.84	75.15	+ 0.40	1.34
High Income	203.20	217.30	+ 1.80	3.71
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 410, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 066				
M & S Inv Ptflio	158.40	168.40	- 0.54	1.67
-do- Accum	178.20	190.10	+ 0.54	1.67
UK Sel Ptflio	136.00	144.70	- 0.63	1.82
-do- Accum	155.10	164.90	+ 0.63	1.82
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA 0204 364 842				
Managed Tst	70.59	75.10	..	3.10
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Ct, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	80.06	84.99	+ 0.44	3.50
European	82.91	88.01	+ 0.29	0.43
Income & Growth	83.23	88.35	+ 0.56	2.39
Nth American	62.14	65.97	+ 0.47	0.07
Far East	181.70	192.90	+ 0.30	...
Charities	127.60	135.50	+ 0.80	3.48
Japan	54.09	57.42	+ 0.28	...
Emrging Mkts	128.70	137.60	- 0.40	0.12
Intl Growth	113.00	120.00	+ 0.30	0.18
UK Growth	90.09	95.84	+ 1.15	1.84
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St EC4R 9AS Dealing: 071 280 2860				
American	209.40	222.70	...	...
(Accum Units)	223.80	238.00	...	...
American Opps	91.85	97.97	...	...
(Accum Units)	93.00	99.20	...	...
British Blue Chip	83.32	88.76	...	2.84
(Accum Units)	100.25	106.70	...	2.84
Cash	101.00	101.00	...	5.05
(Accum Units)	132.60	132.60	...	5.05
Emerging Mkts	134.60	144.70	...	...
European Growth	241.90	259.20	...	0.62
(Accum Units)	260.50	279.10	...	0.62
European Income	83.82	88.84	...	2.74
(Accum Units)	109.80	116.30	...	2.74
General	543.70	579.90	...	2.09
(Accum Units)	1040	1109	...	2.09
Global Bond	135.10	142.10	...	5.60
(Accum Units)	155.70	163.60	...	5.60
Gold & General	199.20	214.20	...	0.44
(Accum Units)	203.70	219.00	...	0.44
Govt Securities	102.40	105.50	...	6.74
(Accum Units)	189.70	195.70	...	6.74
Income	164.30	174.90	...	3.93
(Accum Units)	245.70	261.60	...	3.93
International	455.80	485.80	...	0.56
(Accum Units)	608.80	648.70	...	0.56
Japan	185.90	196.50	...	...
(Accum Units)	190.20	201.70	...	...
New Europe	175.90	187.60	...	1.38
(Accum Units)	178.80	190.70	...	1.38
Pacific	140.30	149.70	...	0.56
(Accum Units)	149.20	159.10	...	0.56
Recovery	341.00	363.70	...	2.47
(Accum Units)	432.30	461.10	...	2.47
UK Smaller Cos	60.71	64.76	...	1.68
(Accum Units)	68.16	72.73	...	1.68
Portfolio	84.50	89.94	...	2.52
(Accum Units)	96.98	103.20	...	2.52
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 662 233				
Emerg Growth Plus	114.90	122.23	+ 1.06	0.84
Intl Strategy	65.76	69.98	+ 0.31	0.66
UK Income Inc	83.38	88.70	+ 0.95	5.49
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
International (US$)	13.06	13.86		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0833				
American Gwth	309.70	328.40	+ 1.00	...
European Gth Inc	367.60	391.90	+ 3.10	...
Intl Gwth	196.40	210.10	+ 1.10	...
UK Equity Inc	186.70	199.70	+ 2.50	3.37
UK Intl Trckr Inc	169.30	181.00	+ 1.50	3.69
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	203.20	215.40	+ 1.00	1.32
Japan Tracker	72.61	76.93	- 0.57	...
Asian Trader	241.30	260.90	- 1.90	0.37
Managed Inc	150.20	161.50	+ 0.30	1.58
Deposit Inc	99.95	99.95	+ 0.03	5.18
Europa	175.20	187.70	+ 2.30	...
Genesis	155.90	169.30	+ 0.90	...
High Income	24.10	25.60	+ 0.11	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 033				
Acumen	99.73	102.00	+ 0.60	2.00
Acumen Inc	96.00	98.11	+ 0.56	2.00
Acumen Reserve	89.80	90.71	+ 0.13	6.54
-do- Inc	81.91	82.74	+ 0.12	6.54
American Income	184.20	189.10	+ 1.40	1.34
Cash Income	49.91	50.42	+ 0.01	4.57
Equity Income	107.00	110.00	+ 1.30	4.13
European	73.71	74.98	+ 1.21	1.01
Smaller Cos	80.91	84.43	+ 0.30	0.93
Olympiad	69.77	71.88	+ 0.64	0.07
Global Bond	50.19	50.75	- 0.05	5.76
UK Growth	96.28	99.07	+ 0.89	1.52
Pacific Growth	121.90	126.10	- 0.30	...
Japan Growth	93.92	95.59	- 0.32	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	126.30	134.91	+ 0.71	2.67
NM UNIT TRUST MGRS Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, Portsmouth Enq: 0705 882 695 Dlg: 0705 882 680				
NM Managed Portfolio Service				
Cap Gth Inc Inc	111.30	118.40	+ 1.20	1.71
Open Cap Gth Inc	113.40	120.60	+ 1.00	1.91
NM Unit Trusts				
American	45.92	48.97	+ 0.20	1.12
Australian	358.60	384.70	+ 9.10	...
Conscience	73.31	78.23	+ 0.69	1.37
European	197.80	210.40	+ 1.50	0.74
Extra Income	82.09	87.60	+ 0.32	5.07
Gilt & FI	63.71	67.23	+ 0.09	5.67
Gold	68.66	73.82	+ 2.75	...
Income	60.49	64.52	+ 0.41	4.38
Intnl	33.51	35.83	+ 0.07	0.59
Jap Smaller Cos	329.20	351.10	+ 2.30	...
Sing & Malaysian	255.70	274.20	- 5.50	...
Smaller Cos	30.64	32.94	+ 0.31	0.65
Special Sits	38.72	41.63	+ 0.10	1.68
Sterling Deposit	100.20	100.20	...	4.75
Tokyo	79.30	84.58	- 0.63	...
UK Equity	186.40	198.80	+ 1.00	2.10
US Smaller Cos	115.40	123.40	...	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
UK Growth	79.49	84.57	+ 0.81	1.81
UK Income	119.00	126.60	+ 0.80	3.13
Gilt & Fixed Int	83.07	87.91	- 0.33	5.60
Higher Income	236.10	251.20	+ 0.90	4.18
Smaller Cos	85.16	90.60	+ 3.75	1.33
International	103.50	110.20	+ 0.60	1.39
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD 48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
American Dist	112.60	120.40	+ 0.50	...
European Dist	105.30	112.60	+ 0.60	...
Far East Dist	182.50	195.20	+ 0.10	...
Global Gwth Dist	74.62	80.11	+ 0.47	1.97
Oseas Dist	1022.0	1093.1	+ 0.30	0.30
UK Dist	365.60	391.20	+ 2.40	2.33
UK Extra Inc Dist	81.73	87.41	+ 0.61	3.78
Wwide Dist	105.48	112.81	+ 0.85	...
Wwide Inc Dist	72.80	77.97	- 0.31	2.13
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 305				
Europe Inc	60.15	63.48	+ 0.57	0.41
Fund of Funds Inc	59.77	63.08	+ 0.32	0.52
North America Inc	52.15	55.04	- 0.13	0.05
UK Equity Gth Inc	62.42	65.88	+ 0.58	1.56
UK General Inc	61.70	65.12	+ 0.55	1.86
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	52.66	55.44	- 0.04	5.93
UK Income Inc	63.15	66.65	+ 0.60	2.31
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000				
Income	241.13	256.53	+ 1.35	3.20
Global	355.74	378.45	+ 3.10	1.04
General	199.11	211.82	+ 1.85	1.17
Bond	135.27	143.62	+ 0.77	6.03
Growth	130.27	138.59	+ 1.17	1.55
Intrepid	125.77	131.02	...	1.70
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	127.57	135.71	+ 0.75	1.19
UK Equity	149.84	159.51	+ 1.22	2.69
UK Equity Income	146.34	155.53	+ 0.95	3.61
UK Smaller Cos	126.60	134.68	+ 0.86	1.48
UK Equity Growth	138.14	146.96	+ 1.18	2.33
UK Index Trckg	148.63	158.35	+ 1.67	3.01
Intl Index Trckg	142.79	151.90	+ 0.04	1.02
International	236.24	251.32	+ 0.52	0.58
European	178.57	189.97	+ 1.66	0.44
Pan European	128.95	137.30	+ 1.63	1.34
Nth American	165.43	175.99	+ 1.14	0.52
N Amer Smlr Cos	184.43	196.20	- 0.03	...
Japanese	90.79	96.58	- 0.06	...
Pacific	248.82	264.70	- 1.85	0.11
South East Asian	274.14	295.89	- 2.46	0.28
Intl Bond	137.83	146.63	- 3.34	4.25
Gilt & Convertible	116.42	123.85	- 0.07	7.92
Property	80.71	85.86	+ 0.08	5.86
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 572 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	253.90	270.00	+ 2.30	1.98
Growth	162.00	170.40	+ 1.20	2.16
Income	258.00	274.40	+ 2.30	3.86
Intl Equity	59.09	64.08	+ 0.27	0.50
UK Income	70.85	75.37	+ 0.68	2.56
UK Intl 25	81.49	86.69	+ 0.67	1.54
New Europe	72.97	77.62	+ 1.15	0.37
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000				
Intl Gwth	610.05	652.46	+ 1.55	0.04
Income	369.46	395.15	+ 1.78	2.63
Wwide Recovery	379.64	406.04	+ 2.26	0.25
Amer Growth Inc	235.02	251.36	+ 1.46	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	257.14	275.02	+ 0.26	0.05
Far Estn Grth Inc	305.93	327.20	+ 0.60	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	140.57	150.34	+ 1.16	0.59
UK Growth Inc	93.53	100.04	+ 0.75	2.32
High Income	102.10	108.04	+ 0.97	3.89
Jap Gwth Inc	212.78	226.47	- 0.41	0.01
PEP Growth	122.09	130.58	+ 0.47	0.88
Asian Str Mkts Inc	148.13	158.43	- 1.92	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	141.42	151.26	+ 1.08	0.01
Global Bond	64.94	68.41	- 0.10	5.11
UK Smaller Cos Inc	80.98	86.62	+ 0.43	1.10
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ Admin & dealing: Unit Trust Accounting & Mgmt Ltd, 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
American	109.00	115.96	+ 0.52	...
European	68.29	72.65	+ 0.14	0.36
Global	69.95	74.41	+ 0.76	...
Pacific	68.67	73.05	+ 1.82	0.05
UK Inc & Grth	67.29	71.58	+ 0.13	1.90
POINTON YORK UT MGRS The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX 0533 558 540				
RRI Director Digs	106.50	113.43	+ 1.39	...
PORTFOLIO TRUST MGRS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	163.29	166.62	- 0.95	0.64
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	62.63	66.38	+ 0.42	1.90
Growth Income	62.12	65.84	+ 0.42	1.39
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	143.80	153.00	+000.37	1.84
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	99.33	105.70	- 0.50	2.72
Conv & Gilt	126.60	134.60	+ 0.60	5.16
European Income	76.55	81.43	+ 0.38	2.34
Extra Income	164.00	174.40	+ 1.40	3.45
Far East	417.50	444.20	- 0.40	0.21
Global Income	28.95	30.79	+ 0.11	4.02
High Income	124.50	132.50	+ 0.90	3.18
International	215.80	229.60	+ 0.10	0.36
Pref & Fxd Int	45.84	48.76	- 0.01	6.88
Recovery	84.50	89.90	+ 0.93	1.62
Special Sits	112.30	119.50	+ 1.10	1.41
Technology	348.90	371.10	+ 1.70	...
UK Blue Chip	73.16	77.83	+ 0.81	2.48
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 Scales Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX 0622 674 751				
General	56.49	60.10	+ 0.26	2.53
International	94.00	100.00	+ 0.23	0.68
Gilt	28.52	29.40	+ 0.01	6.60
Income & Gwth	81.74	86.96	+ 0.62	3.54
European	51.62	54.91	+ 0.41	1.17
American	56.35	59.95	+ 1.08	0.05
Emerging Mkts	103.01	109.58	- 0.38	0.46
UK Smaller Cos	33.16	35.28	+ 0.38	1.53
Gilt/Fixed Interest	28.75	30.58	+ 0.04	5.22
Global PEP	41.14	43.77	...	1.43
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768 888				
European Inc	242.80	259.70	+ 2.50	0.72
Japan Inc	101.40	108.50	- 0.50	...
Nth American Inc	116.10	125.00	+ 0.80	0.12
Worldwide Inc	167.70	180.60	+ 1.00	0.46
Hong Kong Inc	182.10	196.40	- 0.80	0.82
Swiss Equities Inc	67.03	71.77	+ 0.90	0.33
Wwide Bond Inc	67.36	71.54	+ 0.20	6.18
Emrging Asia Inc	211.60	230.20	- 2.40	0.38
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.39	51.42	+ 0.01	5.36
Thailand Inc	147.80	160.60	- 3.00	0.84
Gold Trust Inc	92.99	100.50	- 1.49	0.16
New Zealand Inc	91.27	97.68	+ 0.60	0.47
Int Mngd PEP Inc	69.67	73.17	+ 0.39	3.65
Latin Am Emp Inc	92.41	98.96	- 1.34	0.03
UK All Sh Nkr Inc	62.74	67.50	+ 0.39	1.91
Le Fond Francais	71.80	77.15	+ 0.19	0.39
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	79.55	85.08	+ 0.90	1.50
Global Portfolio	72.58	77.63	+ 1.25	...
Global Opps	71.98	76.98	- 1.29	0.42
Marsh Global Grth	73.31	77.74	+ 0.27	1.77
AAM Global Equity	61.53	65.46	+ 0.19	0.73
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	93.31	101.10	+ 0.90	0.89
CAM Brit Inc Inc	48.43	52.49	+ 0.44	1.90
CAM Int Recvy Inc	51.31	55.26	- 0.02	0.92
Temple Equity Inc	49.93	54.52	+ 0.48	2.94
Hartley Growth	80.71	85.86	+ 0.61	1.20
Intl Growth Inc	80.63	86.24	...	1.50
IPS Portfolio Inc	88.80	94.97	+ 0.66	0.23
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	51.76	54.08	+ 0.03	...
Premier Pertfns Inc	73.01	78.09	- 0.05	0.35
Roxburgh Strat Gth	76.36	82.20	+ 0.34	0.75
Tech Analysis	112.40	119.60	+ 0.80	0.75
Rosebery Growth	48.83	52.50	+ 1.59	...
International Strat	79.26	84.77	+ 1.32	...
CFC Ind-Act Grth	57.58	61.55	+ 0.83	...
Coverdale Topruf	53.35	57.40	+ 0.42	...
Prem Equity Inc	100.30	106.90	+ 0.70	...
Lowes Intl Growth	48.13	50.66	+ 0.45	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA 071 588 3903				
Equity Gth	171.90	182.90	+ 2.50	1.49
European Gth	95.21	100.90	+ 0.60	0.44
Income & Gth	144.40	153.60	+ 0.90	2.53
Japan Gth	118.40	125.90	...	...
Nth Amer Gth	120.30	128.00	+ 0.60	...
Overseas Gth	89.09	94.78	+ 0.40	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Pricefone: 0426 925 091				
Managed Tst	37.12	39.70	+ 0.16	1.45
Cash Haven Inc	101.52	102.02	+ 0.03	4.12
Cash Haven Acc	107.68	108.21	+ 0.03	4.12
Global Growth	92.76	99.20	+ 0.58	0.81
Equity Inc	91.04	97.36	+ 0.69	3.39
Equity	772.47	826.17	+ 4.34	2.26
European	206.61	220.97	+ 1.77	0.79
High Income	97.33	104.09	+ 0.30	3.09
Intl Gth	186.06	198.99	+ 2.02	0.96
Intl Sm Co	85.43	96.02	+ 0.95	0.28
Japanese	191.12	204.40	- 0.58	...
Nth Amer	164.25	175.66	+ 0.77	0.68
Pacific Mkts	113.50	121.38	+ 1.62	0.70
Premier Inc	53.32	55.50	- 0.01	5.25
Sm Cos	94.25	100.80	+ 0.93	2.02
Spec Sits	115.81	123.86	+ 0.49	2.13
UK Growth	128.78	137.73	+ 0.46	1.99
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent 0892 510 033				
British Life	329.10	349.10	+ 3.20	2.62
Reliance Inc	179.60	190.90	+ 1.70	1.77
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2555				
Managed	101.60	107.80	...	1.61
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4 Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	532.86	567.74	+ 3.08	0.81
FA America (Acc)	620.94	661.59	+ 3.60	0.81
FA UK Equity Inc	177.67	189.80	+ 1.45	3.00
FA Japan	259.37	276.37	- 1.79	...
FA Major UK Cos	104.22	111.29	+ 0.95	2.00
FA Smllr UK Cos	305.60	331.34	+ 2.09	1.01
FA European	305.83	323.78	+ 1.51	0.63
FA Amer Smllr Cos	47.02	50.38	- 0.27	...
FA Asia	57.72	61.79	- 0.21	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	49.78	53.15	+ 0.15	...
RAM Personal Pensions				
UK Major Cos	102.21	107.56	+ 0.91	...
UK Smllr Cos	86.22	90.75	+ 0.58	...
UK Income	101.95	107.31	+ 0.82	...
America	106.32	111.91	+ 0.61	...
Japanese	56.82	59.80	- 0.38	...
European	96.98	102.08	+ 0.49	...
Gilt	90.92	95.70	- 0.11	...
Deposit	79.15	83.31	+ 0.04	...
Managed	101.96	109.42	+ 0.73	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	99.77	105.01	+ 0.99	...
UK Smaller Cos	84.46	88.90	+ 0.57	...
UK Income	99.73	104.97	+ 0.80	...
America	103.77	109.22	+ 0.59	...
Japanese	55.46	58.37	- 0.38	...
European	94.70	99.68	+ 0.48	...
Gilt	89.51	94.21	- 0.10	...
Deposit	75.71	79.69	+ 0.03	...
Managed	98.73	103.92	+ 0.59	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 8UE Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000 Dealing: 0733 393 000				
United States	74.79	79.76	+ 0.05	0.11
Pacific Basin	83.29	89.30	+ 0.07	...
High Inc Dist	137.50	147.00	+ 1.40	4.13
Ryl Life Int Cmty	64.19	68.25	+ 0.16	0.43
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	67.93	72.52	+ 0.16	0.35
Ryl Life Intl Spec	63.34	67.37	+ 0.16	...
UK Emerging Cos	120.10	125.60	+ 1.00	1.42
UK Index Trckg	172.10	183.30	+ 0.40	2.99
European	119.10	127.70	+ 1.20	0.30
Managed	146.40	157.40	+ 0.90	0.82
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD Royal Lon Hse, Colchester C01 1RA 0206 764 400				
American Growth	151.20	160.00	+ 0.60	0.38
European Growth	105.80	111.80	+ 0.80	0.73
Far East Spec	147.20	156.60	+ 7.60	...
Japan Growth	140.30	149.20	+ 3.60	...
Special Sits	205.50	218.60	+ 1.60	1.20
UK Growth	81.55	86.75	+ 0.97	1.63
Trition General	240.50	255.90	+ 3.30	0.28
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS 041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	192.90	204.10	- 0.70	0.40
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	330.80	350.00	+ 1.90	0.46
Growth Inc	125.60	132.90	+ 0.50	0.07
International Inc	329.00	349.20	+ 1.70	...
Nth Am & Intl Inc	325.50	347.60	+ 2.40	0.47
PEP Prog Inc	213.10	225.50	+ 0.80	0.64
UK High Inc Inc	146.50	155.00	+ 1.10	5.22
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DU 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	66.47	70.72	+ 0.65	1.00
Amer Smllr Cos	83.70	89.04	+ 0.57	...
Asian Gwth	124.79	132.76	+ 1.37	1.25
European Gwth	69.35	73.78	+ 0.47	1.50
Global Bd	63.37	66.95	- 0.01	6.00
Global Eq	68.50	72.87	+ 0.35	0.50
Japanese Eq	56.82	60.44	+ 0.38	...
Japan Sm Cos	67.25	71.55	+ 0.18	...
UK Gen	57.73	61.41	+ 0.40	3.00
UK Gwth	62.25	66.23	+ 0.49	2.50
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	73.64	78.34	+ 0.11	3.49
Amer Smllr Cos	111.50	118.60	+ 0.60	...
Asian Smaller Cos	63.44	67.49	+ 1.07	...
Capital Portfolio	139.30	148.20	+ 1.20	1.63
Cash	121.60	121.60	+ 0.10	5.09
China Dragon	77.94	82.91	+ 0.38	0.82
Commodity	141.40	150.40	+ 1.20	0.52
Eastern Discovery	124.80	132.80	+ 0.70	...
Energy Intl	122.60	130.60	+ 0.70	0.33
European Gwth	189.00	201.10	+ 1.30	0.66
Euro Inc & Gwth	78.33	83.33	+ 0.06	1.47
Euro Smllr Cos	51.31	54.58	+ 0.04	...
Financial Secs	211.60	225.10	+ 2.00	1.01
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	54.76	57.82	- 0.10	7.35
Gold & Exploration	90.79	96.59	+ 1.20	0.28
High Return	244.60	260.50	+ 2.30	3.14
High Yield	341.50	365.20	+ 2.90	3.21
Income	130.30	138.60	+ 1.10	3.94
Intl Bond	177.30	187.40	- 0.20	5.01
ITU	223.30	237.40	+ 1.20	0.53
Japan Growth	160.90	171.20	+ 0.40	...
Japan Smaller	189.80	201.10	+ 0.40	...
Korea	79.34	84.40	+ 1.74	...
Masterfund	56.43	60.03	+ 0.60	0.75
Scotbits	317.10	337.30	+ 2.60	0.84
Scotshares	303.40	322.80	+ 2.40	1.65
Scotyields	257.20	273.60	+ 1.50	3.40
Select Intl	150.10	159.70	+ 0.10	0.52
Smaller Cos Inc	260.70	277.30	+ 1.90	3.33
SE Asia	682.30	725.80	- 8.60	..
Special Situation	129.10	137.30	+ 1.30	0.56
UK Equity	258.50	275.00	+ 0.50	2.04
UK Growth	67.92	72.26	+ 0.66	1.40
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	49.04	52.17	- 0.97	1.01
US Growth	152.80	162.60	+ 1.00	0.06
Univ Growth	150.70	160.30	- 0.20	0.34
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3800				
Retail Funds				
American	257.07	273.37	+ 0.46	0.73
Australian	...	...	...	...
European Gwth	72.86	77.65	+ 0.43	0.65
Euro Smllr Cos	69.86	74.45	+ 0.50	0.13
Far Eastern Gth	102.65	109.49	+ 0.46	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	58.59	61.77	- 0.05	6.65
Global Bond	54.57	56.37	- 0.14	5.03
Global Emer Mkts	62.69	66.86	- 0.63	...
Income	382.51	408.01	+ 3.04	3.34
Japan Smllr Cos	467.87	499.06	- 3.23	..
Japan Enterprise	66.34	70.76	- 0.38	.
Pacific Gwth	144.41	154.03	- 1.66	...
Seoul	52.88	56.40	- 1.07	..
Smaller Cos	221.21	235.95	+ 1.41	0.60
Tokyo	113.20	120.74	- 0.22	..
UK Enterprise	256.59	273.69	+ 2.64	1.90
UK Equity	253.98	270.91	+ 2.01	2.24
US Smllr Cos	155.57	165.94	+ 0.66	..
World Fd	83.91	89.50	+ 0.62	1.72
Institutional Funds				
European	229.95	239.53	+ 2.08	1.11
Euro Smllr Cos	28.56	29.74	+ 0.07	1.54
Global Equity Inc	77.49	80.71	+ 0.22	0.67
Japan Smllr Cos	35.28	36.75	+ 0.38	0.07
Mngd Balanced	193.94	202.02	+ 1.26	2.51
Overseas Equity	186.96	194.74	+ 1.92	0.59
Oseas Smllr Cos	122.80	127.91	+ 0.60	0.29
Pacific	276.53	288.05	- 2.18	0.68
Recovery	1999.2	2082.5	- 2.08	2.35
UK Index	163.09	169.88	+ 1.60	2.82
UK Small Cos	121.83	126.90	+ 0.97	2.42
US Smllr Cos	44.29	46.13	+ 0.18	0.17
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2380				
Equity Income	54.38	58.13	+ 0.80	2.88
Equity Trust	62.90	67.02	+ 0.82	3.89
Equity Strategy	71.27	75.80	+ 0.76	0.88
European Opps	84.84	90.35	+ 0.37	0.34
UK Smaller Cos	65.45	69.70	+ 0.41	1.85
Maximum Income	99.73	102.27	+ 0.02	4.90
Japanese	71.54	76.19	- 0.55	...
Asia Pacific	144.62	154.02	- 2.01	1.40
American	109.88	117.02	+ 0.42	0.36
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422				
Cash	29.83	29.83	- 0.01	4.737
UK General Inc	55.97	59.70	+ 0.54	2.20
Intl Income	287.80	306.60	+ 1.10	2.74
European	73.66	78.16	+ 1.11	1.26
Japan	66.05	70.30	- 0.08	0.09
American	69.55	73.90	+ 0.57	1.80
Far East	98.19	104.74	- 1.07	0.21
Ethical Inc	32.51	34.77	+ 0.30	1.68
UK Blue Chip Inc	35.60	38.08	+ 0.20	2.30
High Inc Inc	39.99	42.66	+ 0.31	3.12
UK Global Inc	41.90	44.72	+ 0.51	1.20
Wwide Tact	78.62	84.09	+ 0.22	0.25
Europe 2000 Tact	50.82	53.94	+ 0.68	0.98
Technology	101.48	108.23	+ 0.23	0.25
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	404.70	432.30	...	2.35
American	278.40	296.10	...	0.74
Pacific	412.10	440.70	...	0.49
European	530.30	567.20	...	0.80
Worldwide	98.27	105.10	...	0.73
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	293.00	311.80	+ 6.10	2.02
UK Str Co Eq Inc	211.70	225.30	+ 0.72	1.23
Select Opptnty Inc	72.55	77.60	+ 1.11	1.79
Income Plus Inc	78.06	83.05	+ 0.90	2.95
European Inc	347.20	369.40	+ 5.90	1.12
Far Eastern Inc	190.70	202.90	- 0.30	0.51
Japanese Inc	61.14	65.05	- 0.23	...
Nth American Inc	259.40	276.00	+ 2.50	
Intl Growth Inc	214.10	227.80	+ 1.60	
Wwide Venture Inc	84.61	90.02	+ 0.60	
SCOTTISH PROV INV MGMT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 2340				
Equity Growth Inc	25.50	27.29	+ 0.21	
Intl Growth Inc	32.20	34.46	+ 0.21	
Market Leaders Inc	24.83	26.58	+ 0.32	
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 3724				
Equity Inc	392.90	419.00	...	
UK High Inc	204.20	217.80	...	
Europe Inc	325.80	347.50	...	
Nth Amer Inc	222.20	236.90	...	
Global Inc	214.80	229.10	...	
UK Spec Sits Inc	110.30	117.60	...	
South East Asia	239.00	254.90	...	
Cash Trust Inc	100.40	100.40	...	
UK Smllr Cos Inc	111.00	118.30	...	
Intl Bond Inc	101.00	107.20	...	
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 ...				
Sector Recovery	170.80	179.40	+ 2.00	
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European	125.40	132.00	+ 1.60	
Nth American	107.30	112.90	+ 0.30	
Intl Bond & Conv	139.30	145.60	- 0.20	
Pooled Pension (£)	193.80	207.30		
Smaller Cos	73.10	76.95	+ 0.64	
UK General	139.80	146.10	+ 1.10	
SHEPPARDS UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Income	458.36	487.72	+ 2.33	
Global Inc	71.92	76.51	- 0.60	
Brit Leaders	359.59	381.79	- 1.67	
Intl Leaders	218.55	232.48	- 1.01	
PAM Mg Bal Grth	65.03	69.64	- 0.51	
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New St, London EC2M 4HR 071 626 ...				
European ‡	116.50	...	- 0.60	
Global Bond ‡	109.30	...	- 0.30	
Samurai ‡	87.62	...	+ 0.10	
UK Growth ‡	116.00	...	- 0.50	
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Cntrld Prfmnce	63.21	67.42	+ 0.18	
Ethical	62.60	66.60	+ 0.66	
European Growth	72.84	77.70	+ 0.60	
Income	61.44	65.53	+ 0.38	
Intl Growth	97.69	104.20	+ 0.60	
Managed	83.88	89.47	+ 0.59	
UK Growth	67.20	71.68	+ 0.48	
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UK Equity Gen Acc	65.57	69.67	+ 0.80	
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UK Lrgr Co Acc	452.40	480.90	+ 5.30	
UK Lrgr Co Inc	343.30	372.50	+ 4.00	
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	34.56	36.55	- 0.10	
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	307.90	334.10	+ 5.80	
Nth American Acc	46.67	49.59	+ 0.40	
Far East Acc	69.07	73.39	+ 3.10	
European Acc	49.33	52.42	+ 0.40	
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US Eqts (US$)	2.347	2.489	...	
Far East Eqts (yen)	239.20	254.10	...	
Japan Eqties (yen)	240.50	255.50	...	
FT Europe	131.30	139.40	...	
FT N Amer (US$)	1.803	1.911	...	
FT Japan (yen)	228.60	242.80	...	
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New Pacific	417.30	444.30	- 3.80	
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Mngd Equity	184.40	195.10	+ 0.60	
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Far East	158.60	169.60	- 1.30	
Wwide Bond	63.30	67.20	- 0.25	
European	102.20	109.30	+ 0.70	
Equity Income	101.10	108.10	+ 1.70	
Portfolio	66.87	67.10	- 0.32	
UK Leading Cos	62.67	66.67	+ 0.30	
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Intnl Equity	70.19	75.07	+ 0.43	
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Managed Assets	136.50	146.00	-000.85	
UK Income	42.80	45.80	-000.39	
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Worldwide Growth	35.70	38.10	-000.18	
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European	107.25	114.10	+ 0.81	0.23
Extra Income	221.25	235.37	- 1.49	3.44
Smaller Cos	75.92	80.77	- 0.62	0.94
General	311.55	331.44	- 2.18	2.00
Premier Income	57.65	60.05	- 0.01	5.58
Income	381.02	405.34	+ 2.96	3.07
Pacific	434.86	462.62	+ 0.30	...
International	567.75	603.99	+ 1.95	0.00
Nat Resources	187.17	199.11	+ 2.74	
Sfgld Opps	117.13	124.61	+ 0.76	0.98
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Selector	68.56	72.94	+ 0.45	1.93
High Income	72.69	77.33	+ 0.42	3.92
Intl Income	64.13	68.22	+ 0.05	4.57
Selector Income	68.30	72.56	+ 0.30	4.56
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British	358.60	377.40	+ 8.30	2.44
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Glob Growth Inc	202.43	216.93	+ 0.61	1.74
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Value Tst Inc	123.30	131.87	+ 1.07	1.19
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3081				
Amer Smllr Cos	69.56	74.19	+ 0.04	.
European Opps	69.11	72.67	..	0.41
Dresdner Eur Bd	44.28	46.53	- 0.14	8.14
Japan Tst	82.73	88.19	+ 0.27	.
Little Dragons	113.80	121.39	- 0.33	0.36
Oriental Income	50.63	54.00	- 0.04	4.58
Tiger	319.32	340.60	- 1.73	0.47
UK Blue Chip	68.51	73.21	+ 0.49	2.70
UK Smllr Cos	102.65	110.00	- 1.08	1.83
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Far Eastern	491.52	511.40	...	0.67
UK High Yield	115.23	122.58	+ 0.87	3.12
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Intl Growth	111.43	118.45	- 0.46	1.04
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UK Growth	551.04	586.21	+ 4.98	2.03
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Australasian Gold	33.05	35.15	+ 1.36	0.50
Pacific Basin	41.90	44.57	- 0.18	0.00
Can Balncd Gwth	37.63	40.03	- 0.04	..
Global Bond (US$)	0.9614	1.0014	-0.001	5.80
Penny Share	28.42	30.23	- 0.11	1.50
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US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7228	0.7319	-0.000	2.27
Gilt Income	56.00	58.27	- 0.07	6.25
Gilt Growth	78.32	81.50	- 0.19	...
Cty Reserve	51.90	51.90	...	4.30
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Stockmarket Fd	82.27	87.52	+ 0.47	1.63

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price. ... No significant data.

Helping firms make the most of their staff

By Derek Harris

GLOUCESTERSHIRE, a county dominated by small firms in manufacturing, the service industries and agriculture, is setting the pace in helping businesses to meet the Investors in People (IIP) standard.

The IIP initiative by the employment department aims to boost the way a business improves its performance by making the most of its staff's talents, skills and ambitions.

So far, Gloucestershire Training and Enterprise Council has encouraged 39 firms to meet the IIP standard, the highest current figure for any TEC in England and Wales. It also has another 388 businesses working towards the standard, and is predicting that the figure will be nudging 500 by March.

The TEC invested £750,000 in the IIP initiative last year, but Graham Hoyle, the TEC's chief executive, said: "The crucial thing is to show businesses that making the most of their people will mean a better result at the bottom line."

He added: "Small firms need this standard even more than large businesses. Where there are fewer staff, and where the boundaries between roles are more blurred, it is vital that every staff member is equipped to deliver their best and to understand their contribution to the business's aims."

Government targets have been to have half of all medium and large companies committed to IIP by 1996, but Gloucestershire reckons it is already at its half-way mark.

Sandra "Sam" Elliott, who owns the Grapevine Hotel at Stow-on-the-Wold, has hung the IIP plaque over her front door. She said: "In a year, we turned our position from feeling financially threatened to being secure. We are now controlling our present and future position in the market place."

PMC, a Cheltenham management consultancy with 16 staff, said measuring up to the standard created a "disciplined and repeating cycle" of commitment, planning, action and evaluation.

Devon and Cornwall TEC has almost as many businesses meeting the IIP standard as Gloucestershire. Thames Valley TEC also has more than a score of businesses that have reached the standard.



"That? — That's the charge for my laughing when you asked me for a loan"

All pumps to the oil rigs

By Sally Watts

AFTER two jobs as a teenager in the hotel business, Jacqueline Muller set her sights on the offshore oil industry, little thinking that at 21 she would start a business of her own to help meet its needs.

She knew nothing about the industry and, as Aberdeen is her home town, she felt she should. She applied for a job with a firm supplying pumps and other equipment to oil rigs. After several months' training, she was handling selling and marketing as a sales engineer.

A few clients began to suggest ways in which the equipment could be improved. The company was not keen to pursue this, and, as she could see what was needed, she decided to go ahead herself.

She consulted her father, an engineer who was managing director of his own business. He found that a pump to meet the client specifications could readily be produced and a prototype was put out to an oil company for trial and evaluation. The verdict was favourable.

The pump, which she patented, has been jointly modified by her and her father. It can be used as a vacuum system, a transfer, or a fully submersible pump, giving it, she says, more functions than the competition. As it is silent, she has renamed it Hush Pump.

When the oil company approved the pump, she "decided to go for it". She said: "We had taken the industry head on and I had made my mark." Early last year, she started her pumping system and mud recovery business, calling it Pumps Unlimited even though she had only one. But now she has 23, available for hire from £27 a day.

The purchase of a basic pump costs her £900, rising to £1,500 when the modifications and additions are carried out by sub-contracted labour, partly from her father's firm. To start up, she needed £10,000. She went to a bank, but felt the interest asked was too high. Her father's firm then lent her the money as a business arrangement. Within a year she had cleared the debt, helped partly by prize money as Scottish finalist in the nationwide Livewire contest, 1992, for young entrepreneurs.

Now 22, she has transferred Pumps Unlimited from one room to a small industrial unit, made it a limited company with herself as manager and has a current turnover exceeding £100,000 a year.

Business has expanded. Last year, she attended the offshore exhibition in Norway and, as a result, is now sole UK agent for Steamex, a Norwegian-made portable, electric, hot water pressure washer.

She has also signed up her own agent in Norway, has an outlet at Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, and hires directly to Yemen through a UK company. Her aim is to diversify further, increasing her still small involvement with the chemical, shipping and construction industries and moving into mining.

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Jacqueline Muller, a finalist in a contest for young entrepreneurs

BRIEFINGS

Durham University's Graduate Associate Programme (GAP) has had so much impact on small firms in the North-East that it is to be developed in other regions. The Department of Trade and Industry has commissioned Teaching Company Directorate (TCD) to promote the programme as a model to boost small business prospects nationally. Durham has compiled a detailed manual with four days' consultancy, subsidised by the DTI, it costs £4,400 plus VAT. The TCD offers a brochure and free attendance at one of two London seminars on February 1 or 7. Contact: Sarah Goodyer, Teaching Company Directorate, 0367 242822.

☐ Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce has launched a programme of events — all free — to help small businesses in its area. On Thursday evening, a management consultant will discuss techniques that can help improve small business management while next Tuesday, the focus will be on distribution, with a visit to a centre which holds more than 40,000 product lines with substantial daily deliveries. Over the next few months, topics to be tackled will include the Data Protection Act and how to keep insurance costs low.

☐ Essex Training and Enterprise Council is this month starting a purchasing facility at Chelmsford to help small businesses find, in their own area, the materials they need. Telephone: 0245 450 123.

Edited by Derek Harris

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A good line in hyperbole

Does the cache of Modigliani drawings now on show in London justify all the excitement, asks **Richard Cork**

Whenever a cache of hidden work by a well-known artist is at last revealed, expectations are raised to the highest pitch. Enthusiasts hope that their hero's reputation will soar even further, with the discovery of hitherto unsuspected achievements. The excitement is understandable, and explains why "The Unknown Modigliani" attracted so much heady publicity before its arrival at the Royal Academy.

But does the show live up to the hype? After all, it consists almost entirely of pencil drawings, saved from the dustbin by the devoted efforts of the artist's friend, patron and landlord, a young medical doctor called Paul Alexandre. Although the RA has added the odd painting and sculpture from other sources, the exhibition rests on a display of draughtsmanship alone.

A selection of 200 sheets has been made from the 450 preserved so lovingly and secretly by Alexandre until his death in 1968. He was right to save them. But judging by the number of surprisingly slight exhibits on view here, the collection did not deserve to be displayed in such quantity.

The show would have been far more compelling if only 100 drawings had been chosen, and hung more spaciously to combat the sense of overkill. Time and again, a cluster of studies repeats the same subject to the point of tedium. Irritation sets in, making us feel that Alexandre's hoard has been treated with a reverence out of all proportion to its significance as art.

Devotees of Modigliani may argue that, since he habitually worked in series, the selection had to reflect his love of tireless variations. Preoccupied with only a few obsessive themes, he returned again and again to the same elongated images of a mask-like head, a woman's face in profile, a standing caryatid and a seated female nude.

All the same, must we be presented with so many drawings that reiterate the formal invention he has already defined? Their cumulative effect is numbing, and detracts from the positive side of Modigliani's continual search for a goal he described, somewhat gnomically, as "neither the real nor the unreal but the Unconscious, the mystery of human instinctive behaviour". With its ready-made Freudian undertones, his statement sums up the aims of an artist consumed by the urge to simplify the visible world until he arrived at a stripped, absolute essence.

Like many other young artists whom he knew in Paris before the First World War, Modigliani was caught up in a radical search for new ways of seeing. He stood apart from the flurry of avant-garde movements which noisily jostled for attention. Even the Futurists, based in his native Italy, held no attraction for a man committed to calm, discreetly sensual images centred on the human figure. But that does not mean he lacked experimental zeal.

> 'Magnificently gifted, he never made the most of his natural talent'

Like his friend Brancusi, who had also journeyed from another European country to settle in the French capital, he wanted to purge art of all its distracting superfluities. Even the earliest drawings on display, dating from the months after his arrival in Paris in 1906, already show an artist dedicated to finding the essential contour and rejecting elaboration of all kinds.

Such an approach might imply that Modigliani had no time for portraiture. How could an artist bent on pursuing the purity of form ever bring himself to deal with the unpredictable oddities of individual features? Well, Modigliani somehow managed to combine both concerns, often with aplomb.

An early commission from Alexandre's father led him deftly to summarise his sitter's aloof, crisply bearded face without sacrificing a grasp of character. The result has an aristocratic poise which becomes magnified in several studies for a portrait of Alexandre *fils*. Comparison with a contemporaneous photograph of the doctor proves that Modigliani could achieve a persuasive likeness. And in the three-quarter length drawings, where Alexandre poses with a languorous hand on hip, the dandified elegance is reminiscent of Ingres's sitters at their most feline.

By far the most arresting portrait, though, is of the Baroness Marguerite de Hasse de Villiers in riding dress. Once again, Modigliani opts for a hand on hip stance. But this time, there is no hint of slackness. Aptly nicknamed *The Amazon*, this crisp young woman glances sideways at the observer, as if pausing only for a second. Her smile is knowing, the gesture of someone who regards the whole notion of a portrait as a momentarily amusing game. And Modigliani's deft, sparing lines accentuate her clear-cut briskness.

Seen close-to, the finest of the *Amazon* head and shoulder studies disclose the artist's love of simplification in the most beguiling manner. After defining her eyes with soft, subtle shading, he uses the black crayon to summarise her eyelids with strong, dark strokes. They slice through the more tentative earlier marks, asserting a decisive belief in the beauty of unblemished line almost for its own sake.

No wonder he was attracted to the severity of African masks. Their influence, combined with ancient Greek and Cambodian art, is most overt in the impressive sequence of full-face and profile drawings associated with his sculpture. The limestone carving borrowed from Washington presides over this section of the survey, attenuated and imperturbable. The smoothness of the face, with its extravagantly narrow nose and almond eyes, is contrasted with the rough handling of the broken hair erupting from the back of her head. It is a superb distillation of Modigliani's striving towards an ideal refinement.

The presence of this hieratic sculpture made me long to see an exhibition of all his carvings. They encapsulate the gravest and most aspiring side of Modigliani's art. Epstein, who befriended him in 1912 and visited his "miserable hole" of a studio, found it filled with a dozen of these elongated stone heads and described how "at night he would place candles on the top of each one ... the effect was that of a primitive temple". Even in the secular light of the Royal Academy exhibition, the carving exudes spiritual authority. The drawings near by stand out in their concerted rigour, giving the lie to the glibness in other studies where Modigliani is content to rely on well-rehearsed mannerisms.

Magnificently gifted, he never made the most of his natural talent. There is a laziness about much of his work, amounting at times to complacency. His command of line could be deployed without conspicuous effort, and it tempted him to settle for facility when he should have opted for greater inventiveness.

The caryatid figures are especially effete, as their coyly upheld arms pretend to provide support for the unseen architecture above. Occasionally, Modigliani inserts provocative hermaphrodites with female heads and minuscule male genitals. They are even more unexpected than the studies of a young man posing as a caryatid, which will surprise anyone who supposed that Modigliani was exclusively interested in the female nude. They suggest that his sexuality was more complex than the myth of the drunken womaniser proposes.

After Alexandre was called up in August 1914, he never saw his favourite artist again. So the last six years of Modigliani's short life are not represented here, and most of the drawings from that period were presumably lost or destroyed by the careless artist. His doctor did him a service by preserving the earlier work with such care, and the collection will prove invaluable to historians. But for the Academy's visitors, a selection as purged as Modigliani's best draughtsmanship would have led to a more bracing show than the monotonous excess on offer here.

● The Unknown Modigliani *at the Royal Academy (071-439 7438) until April 4*



The Amazon, March-April 1909: the deft lines of Modigliani's portrait accentuate the subject's clear-cut briskness

Adding up to zero

ART MARKET DIARY

WHEN Christie's £7.7 million sale of an 18th-century calculator fell through last summer with the winning bidder refusing to pay, Sotheby's were quick to advertise the fact that they had a similar object coming up, but that, sensibly, they expected £200,000 maximum for it. Now it emerges that the Sotheby's sale never took place. "Ours turned out to be a replica. We whizzed it back to its owner," says Sotheby's expert John Baddeley.

● BONHAMS withdrew the star lot in their Maritime sale last Thursday after being accused of failing to do their homework. According to the catalogue, *The Morning Gun* is by the early 18th-century painter Peter Monamy and worth £12,000 to £18,000.

But David James, chairman of Eagle Trust PLC, pointed out that the composition is virtually identical to a painting of the *Royal Sovereign* by the famous Flemish artist Willem van de Velde the Younger, and he suggested it should be upgraded. School of van de Velde paintings sell for between £70,000 and £250,000, while works by the master can be worth over £300,000.

A Monamy collector, James is also familiar with the original van der Velde, which hangs at Lloyds. But, right up to the eleventh hour, Bonhams' experts insisted they knew a Monamy when they saw one. Then the painting was withdrawn. Now it transpires that its prospects have got worse. Bonhams now say it is by T. Leemans, an inferior contemporary.

Pools jackpot

● PETER Moores, the Littlewoods pools heir, caused a flurry last October by buying Compton Verney house in Warwickshire in order to house an ambitious centre for opera and visual art. Now, it appears the project is well under way, with the purchase at an estimated £1 million of the British naive art collection of the London dealer Andras Kalman. According to the administrator, Alan Swerdlow, other target categories include 16th-century German paintings, 17th-century Neapolitan and Chinese archaic bronzes.

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

Museums need newer acquisitions

Simon Tait on plans to encourage curators to support innovative art

When Marjorie Allthorpe-Guyton was a very junior curator at Norwich Castle Museum, the dealer Andrew Murray offered her Wyndham Lewis's *Portrait of the Artist as a Tyro* for a mere £10,000. "It was a very generous offer," she says. "I fought hard for it, but in the end the museum director said: 'Sorry, but I just won't get it past the acquisitions committee'."

Twenty years later, things have changed little with contemporary art. It is seen by museums often as either a frivolous luxury or an unnecessary encumbrance. A "Museums Day" at Art 94 — the London Contemporary Art Fair which opens tomorrow at the Business Design Centre — might just change the odds.

"It's very easy to make art a scapegoat when you are worried about social conditions," says Allthorpe-Guyton. "It's a fear of change and of the world we live in. There is a dreadful xenophobia, a parochialism, towards contemporary art in this country, and attitudes we have seen recently would shock the French, Germans and Italians."

Allthorpe-Guyton is now the Arts Council's visual arts officer, and rallying the troops in defence of innovative art. For the first time her department has a stand at Art 94, to show support for artists and their dealers, and to encourage museums to follow suit.

She has a joint scheme with the Contemporary Art Society to help three publicly-funded galleries — in Eastbourne, Hull and Wolverhampton — to buy new works, and another to encourage curators from different museums to confer, at last, on contemporary art. More than 90 provincial museum curators have signed up for Museums Day on Friday.

Liz-Ann Macgregor is director of the Ikon Gallery in Birmingham, one of the foremost showcases for new work outside London. She believes that much of the problem stems from museums being controlled by people who know nothing about art, decision-making responsibility being buried deep in a cash-strapped local leisure services department.



Sculptural Objects, a 1949 lithograph by Henry Moore, is among the works at Art 94 in Islington this week

Young curators who want to put on a contemporary show are too often over-ruled. "There is a social-history fascism prevailing in many museums, which says that people can only come to terms with something that's relevant to them. This leaves contemporary art right out," Macgregor says.

Macgregor is married to Peter Jenkinson, director of a traditional municipal museum and gallery, in Walsall, that also has one of the best collections of 20th-century art outside London, and a progressive exhibitions policy. His fear is that exhibition-makers in the public sphere, and especially those feeling financially vulnerable, will increasingly avoid presenting contemporary art in order to avoid controversy and ridicule. "Yet this is precisely the time when galleries should be passionate in their commitment to new art, and should be arguing publicly and strongly for its support."

Too many are relying on what they read to make a judgment, according to Gill Hedley, the new director of the Contemporary Art Society. "Art critics remain art critics for a very long time," she says. "And, not surprisingly, their tastes don't change much. There is a lot more new art about now, and not a lot more new critics to write about it in the daily press."

A gulf also exists between the curators and the commercial galleries. Some of the latter, like Ian Barker of the Annely Juda Gallery in Mayfair, will go halves on a catalogue with a provincial gallery which takes the show.

"Curators have such tiny travel budgets and they can't see the major shows, so they are getting their education from magazines," Barker says. "What this forum should do is give them an opportunity to get a sense of contemporary taste." For them Lucy Sicks, the director of Art 94 and deviser of Museums Day, is offering help with rail fares on Friday.

What infuriates Liz-Ann Macgregor is the element of missed opportunity, because she believes that unsuspecting folk are intrigued by contemporary work. She was a consultant for BBC2's flawed but enlightening series *Byker* last summer in which Tyneside estate dwellers curated their own art exhibition from local public collections. "The old lady, Dolly, said to me at the end: 'Funny, but we ended up talking about the new stuff much more than the old stuff. There's more to it'."

● Art 94, the London Contemporary Art Fair, *is at the Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, London N1, tomorrow to Sun*

CRITIC'S CHOICE

● CYRIL EDWARD POWER: Clearly a prophet without much honour in his own country Power (1872-1951) has, with his circle of dedicated linocutters such as Claude Flight and Sybil Andrews, received much more attention abroad, notably in America. The problem lies probably in the medium: the linocut sounds like kids' stuff, one educational step up from the potato-cut. But the way this group used the medium to further the cause of rampant modernism between the wars not only commands respect, but also produced stunning images of metropolitan dash.
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◆ **ALADDIN** (U): Disney's brash Arabian cartoon does not match expectations though Robin Williams'

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MAC (18) Refreshing, old-fashioned salute to the common man from actor, co-writer and director John Turturro. **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631)

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SURVIVING DESIRE: Three elegant, crisp and tireless short films from American independent Hal Hartley, showing during the January season. "New York, No Picnic" **ICA** (071-930 3647)

What's fat, pink, bad-tempered and soon at a cinema near you? **Stephanie Billen** reports

A load of old hams in the cast

When Sir Winston Churchill suggested that, of all the animals, "only a pig looks at you as an equal", he was talking about a beast which can excite a range of emotions, from fear to love, from derision to wary respect.

Leslie Megahey's *The Hour of the Pig* is the latest in a rasher of films to have turned these animals into stars. Back in 1954 the animated version of George Orwell's *Animal Farm* put pigs right up there as the "more equal than others" farmyard dictators. Since then the pig picture has come into its own with *A Private Function, Jamón, Jamón* and *Leon the Pig Farmer* leading the field.

The story of *The Hour of the Pig*, concerning a pig accused of murder in medieval France, was inspired by the same quirk of history that interested playwright Geoffrey Cush, author of *The Criminal Prosecution and Capital Punishment of Animals*, which was produced at London's Lyric Studio last year. Animal trials were common in the Europe of the Middle Ages. "Some cases were ecclesiastical — locusts could be excommunicated for destroying a harvest — but most were about an animal destroying property or killing someone," Megahey says. Some beasts were executed.

Cush's play dealt mostly with animal rights, but Megahey was more interested in the prosecutors. "It is about retribution . . . in Ancient Greece, they used to put objects on trial too. If a stone fell off a building and killed your friend, you could take the stone to court, and it could be sentenced to be removed from the city of Athens. There had been disorder, so if you removed the cause, you restored the order."

Megahey chose his leading pig carefully: "I avoided the nice, fat P.G. Wodehouse kind of pig. I had to have a pig with sinister potential." Sally, a cross between a wild boar and a Tamworth pig, fitted the bill perfectly: "You look into her eyes and you don't know what is behind them, just that strange, direct stare."

Such is the inscrutability of pigs that almost any quality can be read into them. In his book *Pig Earth*, John Berger talks about their "intelligent eyes", and how "the more we shaved him, the more his skin looked like that of a man". *The Ubiquitous Pig*, by Marilyn Nissenson and Susan Jonas, says they may soon become "a primary source of organs to be transplanted into human patients".

The relationship between humans and pigs is complex. We eat virtually the entire animal, yet sympathise with the Three Little Pigs. Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs make good pets. Of course, Muslims and Jews, who do not eat pork, feel differently about them. Gary Sinyor, the Jewish co-director of *Leon the Pig Farmer*, finds pork and pigs "disgusting". "It's as if I offered you donkey's tongue — you'd be revolted," he says.

Leon the Pig Farmer came about after Sinyor stumbled across a pig farm: "It affected me for a few years. The smell! And they don't go 'oink', they make this terrifying roar . . ."

In the film the Jewish Leon discovers that he was conceived by artificial insemination and that his father is a Yorkshire pig farmer. When Leon accidentally creates a "kosher pig" — half-sheep, half-pig — the "shig" becomes the catalyst for a story that deals with coming to terms with your background.

Most pig pictures, of course, are really about people. *A Private Function*, Malcolm Mowbray's 1984 film about postwar food rationing, exploited the stereotype of the greedy pig to tell a tale of social climbers on the make. "It's not just pork, Gilbert, it's power!" Maggie Smith declares. The Spanish sex comedy *Jamón Jamón* plays on the idea of the virile pig. The uncouth young lover works at a ham warehouse and fights his rival using sides of ham.

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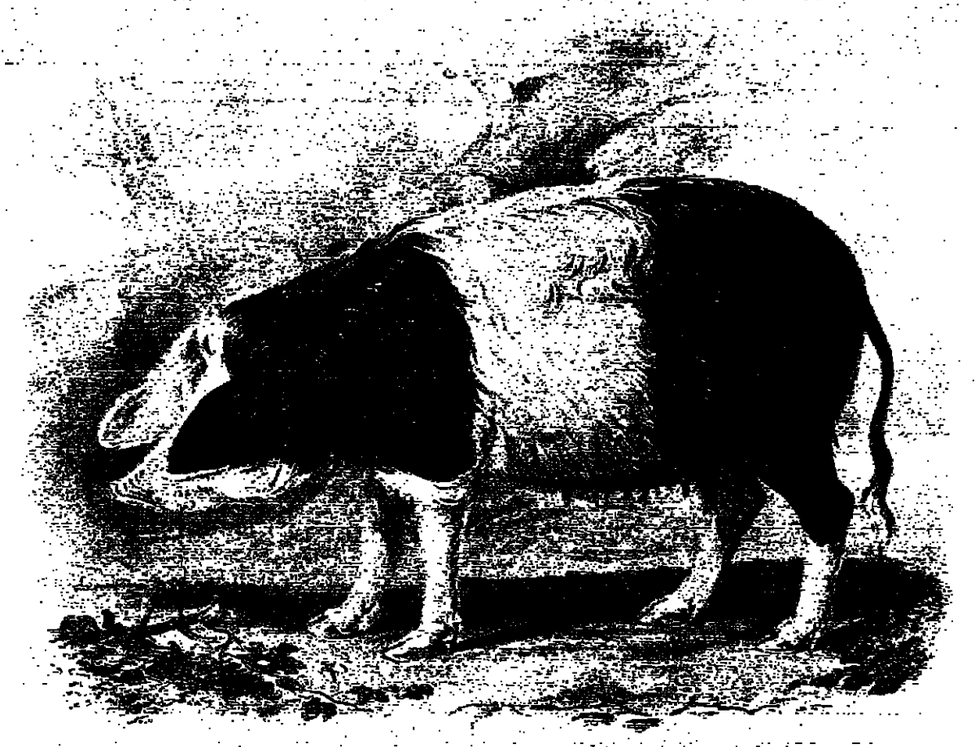
Fertility and pigs have long gone together. My childhood bible, Tim Fieldman's *Big Book of Animals*, states: "The killing of a wild boar and the serving of its head at Christmas dates back to the ancient custom of making a boar offering to the goddess Freya on the shortest day in the year. The animal was worshipped as a symbol of fertility of the land."

Many modern film crews might go for serving up a porcine head on a plate, if not the worshipping aspect. When making the film *Doc Hollywood*, Michael J. Fox was followed around by a persistent pig. Michael Caton-Jones, the film's director, said: "Michael's not the biggest guy in the world and the pig began pulling him all over the place." Joe Henson, who bred the animal used in *The Hour of the Pig*, says that Sally was "selective in her allegiances. She bit the actor who played the pig man, but she really took to actor Colin Firth." In quiet moments, she even slept on Firth's feet.

Sinyor decided to leave Leon's shig to our imagination, but his fans still see it as star of the show. "All I ever get is pigs as presents — pig games, a wooden pig, a furry pig, an onyx pig . . . it's really depressing."

Let's face it: pig power is awesome. Aspiring pigs should take a leaf from Miss Piggy's book. Plucked from a *Muppet Show* chorus line, she has risen to such heights that, Michael Frith of Henson Productions says: "She's capable of anything. If she thought the job was worth it, she could even be president of the United States."

● The Hour of the Pig *opens on Friday.* The Ubiquitous Pig, *by Marilyn Nissenson and Susan Jonas, is published by Weidenfeld and Nicolson (£16.99)*



Inscrutable icon: *Old English Breed*, a coloured lithograph of a sow published by David Low in 1842

ROCK REVIEW

Songbook from hell

Kristin Hersh
Bloomsbury, WC1

PEOPLE who know nothing about madness often mistake it for a romantic state, where everything is hypercharged with meaning, synonymous with living on the edge or journeying to the underworld to plumb the depths of life. Living on the edge is a very rock 'n' roll thing to do, so when Kristin Hersh from America's Throwing Muses told journalists three years ago that she suffered from "bi-polarity" and voices in her head, the armchair psychiatrists were in seventh heaven.

So reverential were the audience who had packed the 500-seater venue for Hersh's one-night promotion of her new solo album, *Hips and Makers*, one wondered exactly how many diagnosticians were in the house. Hersh herself may have wondered. "Aren't you English quiet," she said several times, over the course of the evening's acoustic set. A few yelps and an awe-filled hush answered her.

This was no bad thing, for there was much to listen to. A series of albums has established Hersh as the kind of singer/songwriter with a penchant for the emotional badlands. She writes complex and astute songs about suffocation and sexuality. Her lyrics are acutely focused against the backdrop provided by her acoustic guitar and Martin McGarrick's warm cello accompaniment. Even the percussion, which although economical featured on the *Hips* album, is dispensed with. All the swirling walls of noise that characterised the Throwing Muses are absent. There is just a slight, mischievous looking woman, clad in black jodhpurs and something woolly. Between songs, she tells cute stories about her infant son — an ordinary woman until she starts to sing. The voice is unbelievable: huge and dangerous. Whatever "bi-polarity" might be, one could believe that she, at least, had been to hell and returned with a full songbook.

And what songs! The spiralling, brooding chords of "Sundrops" opened her 90-minute set; a slight echo gave her vocals an eerie quality only offset by McGarrick's tremulously beautiful string arrangements. Songs covering the length and breadth of *Hips and Makers* followed. "My hands are full of straw, I'm sliding really fast, my hands are full of snow," she boomed on "Close Your Eyes". "A Loon" was about a man who wanted to kill her; "Houdini Blues", "Teeth" and "Me and My Charms" about a degree of loss and dissociation that defy imagination.

With this to digest, nobody really noticed when Michael Stipe, R.E.M.'s frontman and guest vocalist on Hersh's latest single, "Your Ghost", failed to materialise on stage. In truth, his presence was never expected, although one or two may have hoped. And, anyway, Hersh had no need of him. Her album's eponymous song — a quiet, positive resolution — closed the set. She was quickly brought back for two encores. Her valedictory offering — a traditional Appalachian song called "Cuckoo" — had an enigmatic lyric about wobbling birds. A metaphor? Perhaps the pages of medical textbooks, rustling deep into the night, will provide the curious with an answer, if one was ever needed.

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Mike Alfreds is unoriginal — and is justly praised for it. **Michael Arditti** talks to the director whose adaptations enhance novels by being true to them

Adaptations have been described as the disease afflicting the British theatre — a brace of Zola adaptations in London last autumn seemed to see the patient in terminal decline. Too often the staging of a novel shows a lack of originality that also characterises the current spate of literary sequels and formula films.

Mike Alfreds is an exception to the rule. When he formed his own company, Shared Experience, in 1975, after 18 years as a freelance director in England, Israel and America, he began with a three-part version of *The Arabian Nights*. Since then, he has devoted much of his career to literary adaptations: but, far from being a cynical marketing ploy, this has been a sustained — and successful — attempt to forge a new theatrical aesthetic.

"If you are trying, not to make a play out of a novel, but to put the novel on stage in theatrical form — which is very different — you have to find an equivalent to the literary forms," he says. "I'm not saying that putting on a play is simple or requires only one technique, but there is something about using non-dramatic material that forces you to think differently."

A novel such as *Bleak House*, which he adapted for performance on four successive evenings, presented the actor with extraordinary challenges and opportunities. "There were huge chunks of narrative, a great many descriptive passages, dialogue, thoughts, and yellow journalism where the actor could harangue the audience as Dickens did the reader," Alfreds says. "In performance, the descriptions became part of the actors' thoughts; the characters' thoughts became inner monologues."

One of the most highly acclaimed of Shared Experience's adaptations was the 1982 version of Evelyn Waugh's *A Handful of Dust*, which Alfreds is now reviving first at Watford and then on a three-month national tour. He welcomes the chance to return to the work. "When we first did it, an awful lot of effort was put into taking it from the novel. Now, having the script, I'm relieved of that 'How do we make it?' and can concentrate more on form and content."

> It is vital to Alfreds to retain the tone of the novel on stage

He admires all of Waugh's work, but this novel in particular attracts him. 'I find it an almost perfect construction," he says. "There's no fat on it. What it wants to say it says perfectly and accurately and sharply and wittily. A lot of literary critics think that the ending has nothing to do with the book, but I feel that it is thematically and metaphorically right.

"The plot has a very clear action and the action is moved forward in a series of scenes. A large percentage of the book is in wonderful dialogue which is playable and revealing. It has a rich subtext and it is comic and theatrical. If there was any playwright writing dialogue like this, I'd be begging to do his play."

It is vital to Alfreds to retain the tone of the novel — any novel — on stage. "We see so many adaptations where the voice of the writer has vanished totally," he says. "I feel that if you're going to take someone's work you are honour-bound to take its tone, unlike all those flabby TV adaptations where they all look the same and it is difficult to know who they are by."

His initial interest in adaptation grew from his early experiments in story-telling, which in turn developed from attempts to define the essence of theatre. He found that it went beyond the inter-relation of actor and audience, and lay in the actor's ability to transform himself, to make the audience believe that he was someone else. "I wanted to explore the actor as real theatrical creator — performer, commentator, critic, improviser, entertainer, host, MC, definer of space. This put all the visual elements in their proper place: at the service of the story being told. A theatre that gets excited about scenery is a decadent theatre. If you want to transform a space, you should do it through suggestion; the space should remain flexible and alive. Technology can kill it stone dead."

His story-telling work informed him when he returned to directing plays. "It made me very stringent about how the story of a play was told," he says. "I've seen productions of *The Three Sisters* where you'd never know it was Irina's birthday in the first act; the actors were so busy dipping into their Chekhov acting. That's why those early productions of Chekhov were so boring. Nothing happened: the actor hadn't identified the story."

Chekhov has often recurred in Alfreds's own repertoire, with productions of *The Seagull* and *The Three Sisters* for Shared Experience and *The Cherry Orchard* (with Ian McKellen) at the National. He returned to *The Seagull* in 1991 in Oxford during the period between leaving Shared Experience and taking up his present post as director of the Cambridge Theatre Company; a name that is something of an anomaly now that the company has established itself in London. "I want to change the name, but my board is being very cautious," he says.

In the past two years he has revived the company's fortunes, and recharged his own batteries, with two co-productions: Marivaux's *The Game of Love and Chance* with Neil Bartlett and Jacques Prevert's *Les Enfants du Paradis* with David Glass. "It's very difficult for a director to learn because you always go to your own rehearsals," he says. "You never see how other peoples' minds work, or know their methods except from hearsay by actors. These two collaborations were wonderfully rewarding; but I also gained a reassurance that my own methods were valid; I shouldn't throw away my old toys."

So, after *A Handful of Dust*, he plans two more adaptations: Sheridan Le Fanu's *Uncle Silas* in the spring and Jane Austen's *Emma* in the autumn. "I have been trying to reach a position where I can do this sort of work with CTC rather than a conveyor belt of classical plays. I want to alert audiences that this is what they can expect to see. Doing *A Handful of Dust* is like doing some finger exercises to warm myself up."

● A Handful of Dust *previews at the Palace Theatre, Watford (0923 225671) from Friday and opens next Tuesday*

STEPHEN MARKESON



Twelve years after first adapting Waugh's *A Handful of Dust*, Mike Alfreds has revived what he calls "an almost perfect construction"

CONCERT

Forward to baroque

IT WILL be a few years before the big orchestras will regularly be playing Handel and Brahms in the same concert again, but it will happen. Just as they seemed to be about to begin to surrender even the classical repertoire to period instruments and specialist ensembles, the process went into reverse: the baroque is being reclaimed.

It is all the better for having been away. When the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra plays Handel it does it on modern instruments, but in the light of 30 or so years of developing authentic practice elsewhere. Nicholas McGegan, a British conductor whose reputation is founded on his work with the Philharmonia Baroque in the United States, came to the Birmingham Symphony Hall and found an orchestra ready to reduce vibrato to a minimum, to apply the bow for clarity rather than heavy sonority, and to make its metrical points sharply rather than deliberately.

The orchestra, in its turn, found a musician with an uncommonly keen sense of rhythm and a liking for brisk tempi which, together, made Handel's Concerto Grosso in B flat, Op. 3, No 2 a vital experience, brilliant in sound and fresh in articulation. Precise though his conducting is, moreover, it is also flexible, as the first oboe found to his advantage in a lovely, freely phrased and coloured account of the melodic line in the Adagio.

McGegan's treatment of the slow movement of Haydn's Symphony No 102 in B flat was indulgent and romantically expressive. It is still a long way from there to Brahms, but not as far as from Handel to there.

The distance between Vivaldi in the Piccolo Concerto in C — uttered with admirable agility by Andrew Lane — and Mozart in the Piano Concerto in the same key, K503, was narrowed by a somewhat prim solo performance from David Buechner. An intelligent stylist who has evidently given much thought to this particular work, he plays it with exemplary clarity and neatness, but also with a strangely shallow sound and understated effect.

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Luke Williams as John Law in *Breaking the Bank*

THEATRE REVIEWS: Childishness for grown-ups; wit for children

Law of diminishing returns

Breaking the Bank
Lyric Studio, W6

If it is the theatre's duty to deal with matters of central concern to the Man on the Clapham Omnibus and the Woman in the Small Japanese Car, then five out of every ten plays should be about finance. In fact, barely one in 500 grapples with a subject that Caryl Churchill's *Serious Money* and, to a lesser extent, Jerry Sterner's *Other People's Money* have shown need not be inaccessible and undramatic. So it is to the credit of the Empty Space Theatre Company that it should bring to the London fringe a play about one of the wizards, or warlocks, of early economics.

But credit is not quite enough, as Eleanor Zeal's play proceeds in more than one way to demonstrate. Andrew Holmes's cast toils hard to ginger up the tale of John Law, gambler, capitalist and financial pioneer, only to end up with a piece awkwardly marooned between entertainment and analysis.

Law, son of a Scots banker, was sentenced to death for killing a man in a duel in 1694, but escaped to the Continent. There, he persuaded the French regent to adopt a paper currency, founded what became the Royal Bank of France, and was appointed Comptroller-General in 1720, largely because of the apparent success of his Mississippi Trading Company. But that particular bubble burst at around the time it was becoming evident that far too much money was being printed, and a disgraced Law ended his days in the Venetian casinos.

We are clearly supposed to see him as a man born before his time. If he went in for dodgy, get-rich-quick schemes, he also saw the advantages of the rapid circulation of money. Luke Williams plays him seriously enough, too, as an earnest, even conscientious person waylaid by an over-buoyant temperament. But that would count for more if he were not surrounded by too many caricatures and too much glib fun.

The slapstick palls, as do the knowing, roguish songs: "We're going to deal in futures, we're going to deal in pie in the sky." And must Adam Fahey's Regent really spend so much time fatuously lisping, squawking, blowing squeakers and giggling about matters sexual from beneath a turquoise paper wig? What's interesting about Law is that he beguiled the most civilised nation on earth. To con a load of snickering loonies is no achievement at all.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Little Victories
Cochrane, WC1

Combining puppetry and live action, *Little Victories* is a triumph of theatre for small persons. It is also hugely enjoyable if you are a parent or just plain fully grown. Although fairly seriously over six, I was enormously entertained, and not just by the French absurdity of a gendarme with spotty paws and the head of a dalmatian playing a gravity-defying game of boules.

Writer Shaun Prendergast, an inspired choice by Trestle and Quicksilver for the companies' joint project, does not simply go for the sweet 'n' soft option. *Little Victories* takes on bigger topics than one might expect. Tony, who tells us his story, is played grown-up in some ways. The excellent, ebullient Damon Shaw is as much a funny, fast-talking trendy as a ten-year-old.

More importantly, Tony, whose father has died, is sour about his mother's new boyfriend Gordon; is anxious about the birth of a rival sibling (he Sumo-wrestles with a quilted mansize baby); and ultimately faces the death of his friend Josie from cancer.

Debi Mastel (Josie) is vigorously unmawkish and Alan Riley, masked and miming only, is hilariously, lovably gormless as Gordon. Occasionally scenes flag: the slightly mangy puppy that Tony gets at the end is a minor disappointment. But the director Graham Walters is wackily inventive (entrances via the fridge door) and wittily flamboyant. Mark Wilsher's set is full of surprises, with its flip-up seats and ultimate kitchen conversion, where the fitted cupboards fold down, revealing a sci-fi kingdom of squidgy rocks and hidden geysers spewing vindictive jets of steam.

This other world is the interior of the Nintendo-style game machine, *The Death Dealer*, which Tony struggles to conquer while Josie is in the operating theatre. It is also a blurring dream of the inside of her body and the after-life. The hooded Death Dealer unfurls, a skull-faced moth towering over Josie and wrapping her in its blistered brown wings like an engulfing tumour. Then an angelic white butterfly emerges from this grotesque chrysalis and we see Josie lit up inside the ghostly cocoon of its silk wings.

There are moments of sharp grief in this piece, but it is also wonderfully funny, instructive with scarcely any condescension, and touching without plunging into sentimentality.

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A BBC television crew sets up to film at the High Court in Edinburgh. How long will it be before other British courts allow the cameras in?

Courting the TV cameras

As a televised trial in America captures world interest, Frances Gibb reports on an experiment in Scotland

Millions of American viewers were riveted to their TV screens for daily coverage of the "penis chopping" trial last week. Like the William Kennedy Smith rape trial before it, the trial was hot viewing with British audiences, too.

Entertaining it may be; but the coverage also sheds light on the workings of US law. In Britain, the laws against cameras being allowed in the courts have meant a total prohibition on television or press photography since 1925, ensuring that public knowledge of the workings of our courts derives very much from television drama.

All this may soon change. A trial of a man charged with importing cocaine began in the High Court in Glasgow this week. At the back of the courtroom is a small, unobtrusive video-cassette camera, filming all the proceedings. The crew, in jackets and ties, are barely noticeable. The result will be part of a groundbreaking series of documentaries, in which for the first time cameras have filmed trials as they happen.

The BBC2 programmes are the climax of two years' work in Scotland, which began when the country's most senior judge, Lord Hope, the Lord Advocate, signalled that judges would permit a carefully controlled experiment in televised justice. By a quirk of history, Scotland was not covered by the statutory ban on cameras. Months of detailed discussion between the BBC team and Lord Hope's office led to a set of guidelines.

Nick Catliff, the series producer, says the result will be "fascinating and informative viewing", as well as reflecting well on the Scottish legal system. But the programmes will not, he says emphatically, approach the sensationalist drama of American-style televised trials. "The courtrooms are not about to become the staple diet of cheap thrills television," he adds. The cases are not even high-profile newsworthy ones; just run-of-the-mill trials, which would not have made news in their own right.

So far, attempts to change the law to allow even a similar modest experiment in England and Wales have run into the ground. The Bar promoted a private member's Bill to this effect in 1991 but the Government did not pick up the measure, and it failed to muster enough support for a second reading. Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, then Solicitor-General (now Attorney-General), did not oppose the Bill but voiced the fears of "many commentators — judges, lawyers and lay people" that the presence of cameras would add to the pressures on those taking part in a trial.

> 'The courts are not peopled by the likes of Rumpole'

Mr Catliff accepts that for the experiment to be judged a success, such criticisms must be met and that the team must show that cameras have not disrupted proceedings. "So far as I can tell", he says, "nobody seems to have been put off by being filmed or has tried to play up to the camera. The team will also have to show that the dignity of the court has been preserved and that editing has not distorted what actually happened."

His team has completed four of the six 50-minute programmes, to be run from the end of March under the title *The Trial*. Several trials will be shown: a murder and an attempted murder at Edinburgh's High Court; the Procurator-Fiscal service, which features several Sheriff Court trials; the work of defence solicitors; and finally the drugs trial.

"The arrangement is that we retain editorial control but the trial judges see the film to ensure accuracy," Mr Catliff says. The biggest problem has been obtaining the consent of witnesses, which is done via a letter drafted by the Lord President to avoid any contact. Often, much time and money has been spent on a case only to see a trial collapse because witnesses fail to respond. Nor has he so far managed to secure the agreement of all jury members (15 in Scotland) to being filmed, so they are filmed from behind.

Retrospective documentaries are, though, quite different from news coverage on the day of the trial itself. Lord Hope has indicated he would consider experiments in news coverage only of the higher appeal courts, and Scottish TV and BBC Scotland are looking into how that might work. But the trail-blazing importance of *The Trial* is that it will influence how television coverage of courts develops.

In Scotland, both solicitors and the Faculty of Advocates are firmly in favour. Kenneth Pritchard, secretary of the Law Society of Scotland, says: "Provided this is run properly and under the direction of the judge, who can say when the cameras have to be switched off, the sooner television goes into the courts the better."

In England and Wales, the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, has already come out in favour of an experiment in televising certain courts, and officials from the Lord Chancellor's department have been to see the Scottish filming in progress.

Jonathan Caplan, QC, whose Bar Council report on televising courts led to the parliamentary Bill, says: "Everybody will be watching the Scottish experiment to draw conclusions as to the feasibility of amending the law in England. It really is ludicrous that people north of the border are able to see their courts and judges at work while those south of the border are still unable to do so because of a prohibition enacted almost 70 years ago."

If anything, sensational American television trial coverage only bolsters the case of those who resist cameras in court. But that kind of coverage is disliked just as much by those who favour allowing in cameras. The William Kennedy Smith trial, Mr Caplan says, was an object lesson in what not to do. He points out that Florida, where the trial took place, has probably the least strict rules of coverage of the 46 American states that permit cameras.

Scotland has shown that experiments can be sensitively controlled. More important, Mr Catliff says, the programmes are likely to show "millions of people, for whom television is their primary source of information, that the courts are not peopled by the likes of Rumpole and Perry Mason and that Scottish law is a much more down-to-earth business than *LA Law* and other television dramas".

End this affront to individual freedom



COUNSEL

DAVID PANNICK QC

Next Tuesday will be the tenth anniversary of the announcement of the ban on trade union membership at the Government Communications Headquarters at Cheltenham (GCHQ). The passage of time has done nothing to mitigate the injustice of the decision or the need for its reversal.

The main function of GCHQ is to promote the security of the United Kingdom's military and official communications and to provide signals intelligence for the Government. From 1947, when GCHQ was established in its present form, until 1984 all the staff there were permitted, and encouraged, to join national trade unions. Most did so.

On January 25 1984, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons that, with immediate effect, staff at GCHQ would no longer be permitted to belong to a national trade union, but only to a departmental staff association approved by the Director of GCHQ. There had been no prior consultation on this matter with the trade unions or GCHQ employees.

The Council of Civil Service Unions brought judicial review proceedings. Because of the Government's failure to consult before introducing the ban, Mr Justice Glidewell granted a declaration in July 1984 that the decision was unlawful. The Government successfully appealed, relying in the Court of Appeal and in the House of Lords on a fresh argument not advanced before Mr Justice Glidewell that prior consultation was not possible because of national security considerations. The House of Lords emphasised that but for this new argument the declaration would have been upheld. The appeal courts were unwilling to assess the strength of the national security considerations, which were held to be non-justiciable.

The cloak of national security protected the Government from the obligation to provide any rational explanation for the ban. There had been no industrial action at GCHQ since April 1981, almost three years before the decision was announced. The trade unions offered a no-strike agreement, which would have protected GCHQ against future disruption without requiring employees to tear up their union cards. That compromise solution accorded with the recommendation of the House of Commons Employment Committee in February 1984. In any event, since trade unions can recruit in other sensitive parts of the Civil Service, it was, and remains, difficult to understand why basic rights should be denied at GCHQ.

A staff federation was formed at GCHQ in May 1985. Its inadequacy as a substitute for trade union membership was reinforced by the 1989 decision of the Certification Officer, who refused its application for recognition as an independent trade union because its existence was dependent on the approval of the Director, and staff had no option to join another trade union. The Certification Officer's decision was upheld in December 1992 by the Employment Appeal Tribunal.

Trade unionists at GCHQ raised their grievance at international level. In January 1987, in one of its more puzzling decisions, the European Commission of Human Rights dismissed a complaint that the ban on trade union activity at GCHQ was a breach of Article 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights, which protects the right to freedom of association.

The International Labour Organisation of the United Nations has adopted a more sympathetic and realistic attitude to a similar complaint. In a report to be published this year, the ILO is expected to conclude that the Government has breached Article 2 of the 1948 ILO Convention on Freedom of Association, which provides that "workers and employers, without distinction whatsoever, shall have the right to establish and, subject only to the rules of the organisation concerned, to join organisations of their own choosing without previous authorisation."

In 1984, rational debate on the merits or otherwise of the ban was largely a waste of breath. It was widely understood in political and legal circles that the otherwise inexplicable decision to prohibit trade union membership at GCHQ was one application of a basic principle on which the Government was based from 1979 until 1990: when Margaret Thatcher decided that a proposal was to be implemented, then it would be, irrespective of its wisdom or consequences, and few civil servants or ministers would dare argue to the contrary.

Last month, the Prime Minister met with trade union leaders to discuss the ban on unions at GCHQ. Little progress was made. It is regrettable that John Major has not yet found it possible to dissociate his Government from one of the most petty, divisive and unjustified steps taken by his predecessor.

Since neither our political nor our legal system is mature enough to impose restraints on the executive in such a matter of "national security", only the ILO has the power to promote change by sufficiently shaming the United Kingdom for its denial of basic human rights.

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

The cost of justice

THE Government will come under strong pressure to amend its Criminal Justice Bill, which enters its committee stage today, to enable the creation of an independent body to investigate miscarriages of justice.

Justice, the all-party law reform and human rights group, will be in the lead in tabling an enabling clause to the Bill, which is now in the Commons. Justice, chaired by Lord Alexander of Weedon QC, is being helped by Coopers & Lybrand, which has seconded a senior management consultant on a *pro bono* basis to work out what resources such a body would need, a key issue.

Meanwhile, the group will make sure that the question of tackling miscarriages of justice remains high-profile. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, tomorrow gives its Tom Sargant Memorial lecture. Justice (wrongly described in the Law pages last week as "formerly the National Council for Civil Liberties" — that, of course, is Liberty, the civil liberties pressure group) has now reached £720,000 in its appeal for funds to put it on a proper financial footing. The target is £1.25 million. Some of the big law firms have given generously and donations are hoped for from others.

Writ large

SOLICITORS are up in arms over the costs of issuing High Court debt writs. Michael Lane, of Lane & Co., a Walsall firm, points out that from January 11, the fees went up from £70 to £100. Creditors are entitled to have these fees reimbursed by the defaulting debtor under a scale of fixed costs. However, though the fees have risen, the fixed costs — in the case of debts under £5,000 — have not been increased to match the rise. The result, he says, is that the creditors are £30 out of pocket whenever they take a debtor to court. The creditor is a further £10 out of pocket when he or she proceeds to have the judgment enforced.

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Christopher Heron, a director of Eagle Legal Forms, which has devised the pack, says it is being launched at a time when legal aid is out of reach for most people not on income support. "Some people simply cannot afford to pay the legal bills in order to obtain a divorce," he says.

And Woolworth is offering a divorce video-cassette. The 55-minute video, *A Practical Guide to Divorce*, from Castle Communications has been produced by Nicholas Webb, a lawyer and businessman, and also features Michael Jones, a family law barrister.

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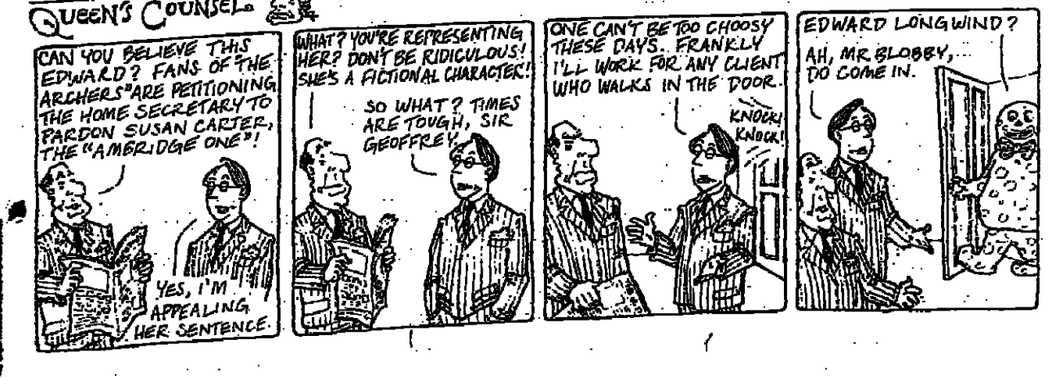
PERHAPS the police should stop trying to play down one of their nicknames — "pigs" — and embrace it with pride. A fleeing burglar's attempt to escape the police in Texas by ducking into a sty gave Jamona, a 200lb black and white sow, the chance to show that pigs are in the front line in the fight against crime.

Rick Charles, her proud owner, told *The National Law Journal*: "Jamona had him by a leg when the cops arrived. She grew up with dogs and I'm convinced that she thinks she is one."

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An increase in the number and size of fraud cases is requiring specialisation by law firms, **Edward Fennell** reports

Rise in fraud lures the lawyers

A big rise in the volume of money involved in fraud cases during 1993 will be revealed by figures to be issued later this week by the forensic unit of KPMG, the chartered accountants.

"The total has risen from £637 million in 1992 to £704 million in 1993," says Ian Huntington, the head of fraud investigation at KPMG and the former assistant director on the Robert Maxwell case at the Serious Fraud Office.

As concern mounts over fraud and business crime, it is no surprise that law firms are developing their expertise in this field. Many leading City outfits have created specialist units in the wake of the Maxwell and BCCI affairs. McKenna's, Lovell White and Wilde Sapte have carved reputations for solid work.

From today, however, the name to be reckoned with may be Irwin Mitchell, a Sheffield firm which has launched a Business Crime Unit, under the leadership of Kevin Robinson. Mr Robinson has a reputation as one of Britain's leading criminal lawyers. His work on behalf of Paul Henderson, a Matrix Churchill director, was critical.

Mr Robinson claims that solicitors are often the unsung heroes of fraud cases. "Although the role of counsel is important, the solicitors make the bullets that counsel fire."

Mr Robinson's reputation, however, hangs on more than just a couple of very high-profile cases. Years of dealing with street crime, as well as with breaches of corporate law, have given him an insight into the working of the criminal justice system so that he feels entirely at home dealing with police investigations.

"City law firms are very good but most of them don't have any substantial experience in handling crime," Mr Robinson says. "and the tactics are different from normal commercial work."

SIMON WILKINSON



Kevin Robinson, who will lead a unit set up by a firm of lawyers to help business people accused of fraud

Working alongside Robinson in his new business crime unit are Trevor Ashforth, a former CID officer, and Michael Reader, a former tax inspector. This combination of skills, Mr Robinson believes, puts Irwin Mitchell in a unique position.

"Trevor Ashforth has been helping me for the past four years, having spent 12 years with the police, investigating multi-million pound fraud," Mr Robinson explains. "He is superb in advising clients during police station interviews because of his understanding of the procedures."

Mr Reader's background in the Revenue and as a partner with Spicer & Pegler means the firm has on tap knowledge of tax and VAT regulations, as well as of auditing standards and practices.

Although fraud is likely to be the main area of work, Mr Robinson insists the practice will be broader. "We're offering a service to any businessman or woman who gets involved in a criminal investigation, whether that relates, for example, to VAT enquiries, tax evasion, breaking regulations or anything else."

Mr Robinson says increasing numbers of business and professional people may find themselves in the dock through no fault of their own, as in Matrix Churchill.

"Business people are usually terrified when confronted by the police." Mr Robinson says. "If found guilty, they have so much to lose. An important part of our job is to maintain their morale during what can be a long drawn-out process. One way to do that is by showing you know what you're talking about. If you have to run off to counsel for advice all the time, you're not doing your job properly."

Ironically, it is fellow professionals who may make up an increasing number of Mr Robinson's clients: almost a half of the new cases on the KPMG fraud barometer involved lawyers, accountants or financial advisers. Mr Huntington says that the surge in mortgage fraud, and the fact that more than half the membership of the various self-regulating bodies under the Financial Services Act are solicitors and accountants, makes it almost inevitable that these professionals will find themselves being prosecuted.

"In some ways, accountants and solicitors are the most demanding clients," says Mr Robinson. "The consequences for them are extremely serious. They expect an enormous amount from their legal adviser, who has to work even harder to maintain their confidence. I had one solicitor client who went out of his way to try to score points off me in his legal knowledge, and there was an accountant so overwhelmed by the accusations that he couldn't bear to come to the office for our meetings."

Looking to the future, Mr Robinson and Mr Huntington predict there will be increasing intermeshing of the criminal and corporate aspects of business crime. Procurement fraud is on an upward trend, while the changes in the management of public services may create conditions in which civil servants are more vulnerable to temptation.

Mr Huntington says: "The cutbacks in middle management and the breakdown in traditional loyalties combined with the contracting out of services are all creating an atmosphere in which we can expect to see an increase in fraud."

Alarm on noise law

A NEW LAW to silence Britain's most unpopular noise, the nocturnal wailing of the rogue car alarm, came into effect this month. But lawyers predict it will fail.

The Noise and Statutory Nuisance Act aims to help local authorities to deal with car alarms and other street noise. But, claims Richard Stein, a barrister and expert in noise pollution, the Act is so procedurally tortuous that much of it will prove unworkable.

He says that the Act poses so many practical difficulties that local authorities will "want nothing to do with it".



First step for a complainer is to phone a local environmental health officer (EHO) if one can be found. But, says Mr Stein, few local authorities have night-time "noise lines".

The EHO will have to locate the vehicle, affix an "abatement notice" and wait one hour. Only then can he act, probably by breaking into the car to turn off the alarm. And here, says Mr Stein, the Act's anomalies will cause problems. "The Act obliges the EHO to do as little damage as possible and leave the vehicle as secure as when he found it. He will probably have to travel with a locksmith and an alarm expert, so the whole business will become very costly ... I think the expense will deter local councils."

TIM REID

Justice is not just another product

How can performance-related pay policies work in the magistrates' courts?

Today Parliament debates proposals for a radical reorganisation of the magistrates' courts' service. Magistrates have had to cope with many changes over the past few years and now we are to be shaken up through the Police and Magistrates' Courts Bill.

Since the original proposals came out in the White Paper in February 1992, there has been much debate. Magistrates are concerned about changes that they see as striking at their judicial independence, particularly the placing of the justices' clerks on fixed term contracts and performance-related pay under a new Chief Justices' Clerk whom, they say, will be accountable to the Lord Chancellor.

In an unprecedented move, the Central Council of Magistrates' Courts' Committees, the Magistrates' Association, the Justices' Clerks' Society, the Association of Magisterial Officers and the Standing Conference of Clerks to Magistrates' Courts Committees joined together to issue proposals for an alternative framework.

In an effort to ensure that justices' clerks are not at risk of pressure from the executive, the groups seek a chief executive for the Magistrates' Courts Committees (the bodies that run magistrates' courts) rather than the new Chief Justices' Clerk proposed by the Lord Chancellor. They also want to curb new powers sought by the Lord Chancellor over committee amalgamations, the appointment of their chairmen, fixed term contracts and appointment procedures for senior staff.

Whether he or she is called a Chief Executive or a Chief Justices' Clerk, he will be an extra layer of administration. And if he is called the Chief Justices' Clerk, and is legally qualified, he could exert the kind of pressure capable of undermining the independence of ordinary clerks who advise the magistrates.

The Lord Chancellor's department claims the Bill specifically states that in giving legal advice to benches, the justices' clerks are not subject to management direction, that judicial independence is to be preserved in the words of the statute itself. If clerks are put on fixed term contracts, problems are likely.

One justices' clerk who is also a Chief Executive on a fixed term contract told me he is worried about performance-related pay because performance targets have yet to be identified. And as a magistrate, I am becoming confused about the ethos behind the changes. Fixed term contracts and performance-related pay may make sense in a business but a legal service cannot be measured like a manufactured product. Fixed term contracts are likely to lead to fixed term views.

More worrying is that the performance of the courts is being used in the calculations for cash limits for magistrates' courts' committees. I have visions of magistrates throughputting hundreds of TV licence cases to get "brownie points" in one court while another struggles through a complicated lengthy committal with one defendant.

The percentage of the grant associated with performance, about 25 per cent, is expected to rise to 100 per cent over the next few years. There are four heads of performance to be taken into account — 1, number of cases; 2, delay of cases; 3, effectiveness of fine enforcement; 4, quality of service. There is, however, nothing in these that seems to recognise the content of cases or the legal aspects. It is to be hoped that the current review of the cash-limiting formula will take them into account.

Most people agree, of course, that something had to be done about a system dating from the 1940s in which the volume of criminal and civil cases has more than trebled. Reducing the number of magistrates' courts' committees and magistrates serving on them seems to make sense. None of these people has to be paid. The new tier of administration/bureaucracy will, like the new inspectorate, have to be paid for. Yet the Government expected the changes — apart from transitional costs, estimated at £5 million a year — to be put in place out of existing resources. Some committees would be able to afford them, others would find it extremely difficult.

The Government has suddenly produced £16.9 million for 1994-5, which partly reflects transitional costs. This does not seem to be based on any particular costing and where and to whom it will go is a mystery.

PAULA DAVIES

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It is not easy to deceive an interviewer. If the handshake doesn't give you away, the flicker of an eye or a break in the voice will. Concentrating on one particular body-message, you will forget all the others. And the body, of course, gives off hundreds of cues all the time.

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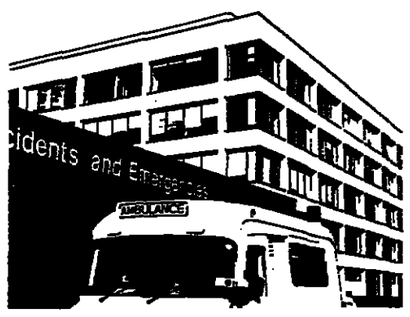
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Lentini returns to recapture former glories



ROB HUGHES
Overseas Football

THE transcience of sporting acclaim, the fear that a life balanced on the finest edges of body, mind and spirit might snap like a worn-out violin string, is encapsulated this week by two footballers.

One, GianLuigi Lentini, of Italy, made a six-minute return for AC Milan on Sunday during their goalless draw at Genoa, six minutes that represent the heights of joy in a playing career rescued from the devastation of a car crash a couple of months ago, on the Genoa to Turin motorway, in which he suffered head injuries and was lost in a coma for 24 hours.

Lentini will not this morning care a fig for the news that his £13 million transfer from Torino to Milan is under investigation or that the prosecutors claim that Milan paid £3.5 million of that fee under the table. In his own words, six minutes does not represent a lifetime. "But I had already achieved my first target, to become normal again," he said. "Now I have achieved an equally-important target. I have become a footballer once again." A footballer of potential greatness, one who, provided he can recapture the essence of his game, will be on the left wing for Italy come the World Cup finals in the United States in June.

However, footballers are no less vulnerable than the rest of human kind. Sergei Cherbakov has a broken career, without any prospect of reclamation, at the age of 22. Cherbakov, a Ukranian who played his final game in Portugal for Sporting Lisbon, also had a car crash. In his case, the spinal nerve was severed, which means paralysis for life.

Yet because of television, there was an opportunity to know, fleetingly, Cherbakov's pace, skill and power. Last November, he devastated Casino Salzburg with a goal out of nothing in the Uefa Cup. Cherbakov took possession of the ball outside the penalty area, moved with searing acceleration, shrugged aside the efforts of two Austrians to dispossess him and struck a left-foot shot across the goalkeeper and into the net.

Two weeks later, against the same opposition, neither Cherbakov nor any sporting Lisbon player could prevent the shock of an Austrian victory that cost the Sporting manager, Bobby Robson, his job. A matter of days after that, after the players had attended a farewell party to their coach, Cherbakov suffered his car crash and the termination of his hopes and aspirations.

Last week in Lisbon, Rob-



Lentini: recovery

son, whom Cherbakov referred to as a father figure, was one of 30,000 people in the Sporting Lisbon stadium raising funds for the restricted life the young Ukranian now faces. Among those also present were Igor Shalimov, who flew over from Milan, where he is with Internazionale, and Eusebio, the most famous Portuguese international of them all.

Cherbakov, who incidentally was the leading goalscorer at the world under-20 championships in Portugal four years ago, is best-known in this country principally through that time-blip on television that rounds-up goals scored in Europe, concentrating everything into the final act of football and cheapening the essence of the game along the way.

However, those who have BSkyB television and millions abroad from Boputhatswana to Belgium, from India to Indonesia, will see a different approach to televising football this week. On *Futbol Mundial*, a new worldwide 26-minute weekly look at the game, Cherbakov is featured.

Gerry Harrison, the senior producer and presenter of the programme, has left Anglia Television to lead the new approach for TransWorld International and he said of the new project: "Too many football programmes are just goals programmes, we have to get deeper than that, to put imagination, ambition and feeling into the most popular game in the world."

Harrison's antennae are those which have obliged many a talented sports journalist to leave British television over the years. The insularity of the coverage, the thirst for action as opposed to thought has become ever more prevalent and when the programme was launched a week ago, Guido Tognini, the press officer for Fifa, the game's world governing body, observed: "We are all concerned that there is too much football on television, but there is also too little magazine-type television and Fifa welcomes this questioning approach, this challenge, even if sometimes it investigates Fifa's own work. We must look at footballers as human beings."

Alas, although Sky Sports has taken the programme along with around 30 other countries, it is still confined to broadcasting *Futbol Mundial* at 5.30pm on Wednesdays, repeated at 8.30pm on Thursdays. A minority time slot on a minority channel for the first genuinely serious attempt at packaging the week's news with themes, such as the plight of Cherbakov and the fearful violence underlying football in Egypt.

The implication is that Britain is a nation that cannot, or will not, take football seriously. It is unfortunate, because the world outside is tuning in, the issues are deep and sometimes moving and once the sport is humanised, once we can share the joy of Lentini and appreciate the despair of Cherbakov, our view is surely enriched.

Everton test Creaney

GERRY Creaney, the Celtic forward, has joined Everton on a week's loan with a view to a possible transfer. Creaney, 23, is at Goodison Park on a trial basis before Mike Walker, the Everton manager, decides on whether to sign the player in a £600,000 deal at the weekend.

Crystal Palace are giving a trial to Eric Wynalda, the United States international forward, as well as signing Paul Stewart from Liverpool on a month's loan. Wynalda, 24, who is with Saarbrücken, the German second division club, had been hoping to sign for Sheffield Wednesday after spending a week's trial at Hillsborough but a proposed deal fell through at the weekend.

The Brentford central defender, Keith Millen, 27, has emerged as a possible target for Tottenham Hotspur. Millen yesterday began a two-week trial at White Hart Lane.

FA VASE: Fifth-round draw: Hanckley Athletic v Canvey Island or Newbury Town; Atherton LR or Thackley v Bridgnorth; Oadby Town v Arlesey Town; Whickham or Dunkirk v Tiverton Town, Torpoint Athletic or Diss Town v Kings Lynn, Whitehawk v Radcliffe Borough or Boston; Aldershot Town v Wimborne Town, Belper Town v Taunton Town or Banstead Athletic. *Ties to be played on February 5*

England A earn draw against Orange Free State

Flawless Crawley saves day

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN BLOEMFONTEIN

WITH 16 of the final 20 overs remaining on a rather cooler afternoon at Springbok Park, Franklyn Stephenson, whose captaincy did not match up to other aspects of his cricketing ability, conceded that Orange Free State would not bowl out England A. A draw was theirs, secured by some spirited batting on the last day.

England began the day on 59 for two, needing 394 to win or, to put it in more realistic terms, three sessions to bat out. They lost a wicket in each, Morris for 64, Wells for 46 and Crawley for a superb 128. But for Crawley's sureness of purpose and example they could easily have lost.

Crawley's second hundred of the tour was better than his first, the 286 he made at Port Elizabeth, because of the more challenging circumstances. This was the sort of attritional cricket he can expect to find when he steps up to Test level later this year. Once again, he looked every inch a first-rate batsman.



Crawley showed his class yet again to rescue England A in Bloemfontein

SCOREBOARD

ORANGE FREE STATE: First innings 370 (G F J Liebenberg 82, P J R Steyn 60; M J McCague 4 for 84)

Second innings 262-9 dec (J M Arthur 106).

ENGLAND A: First innings 180 (A P Wells 53).

Second innings

M N Lathwell b Boje	29
*H Morris lbw b Boje	64
J P Taylor b Boje	0
J P Crawley c Radley b Player	128
A P Wells run out	46
M B Loye not out	26
A Dale not out	15
Extras (b 3, lb 6, nb 4)	13
Total (5 wkts)	321

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-59, 2-59, 3-155, 4-259, 5-282.

BOWLING: Stephenson 16-2-46-0; Bakkes 22-5-64-0; Venter 28-8-79-0; Player 16-4-34-1; Boje 35-7-89-3; Steyn 1-1-0-0.

Umpires: W Wilson and C Mitchley.

At times along the way, even the best players need some luck. Crawley's came on two when umpire Wilson took his side rather than the bowler's. Bakkes had almost reached the other end of the pitch in celebration of a catch at the wicket and the Free State fielders made their opinions clear when Crawley reached his hundred. Only three of them applauded, the churls.

Crawley is so strong on his legs that opposing captains may as well unroll a mammoth fishing net from mid-on to backward square leg to catch the ball. He is no weaker on the off. Tom Graveney would not have disowned the drive that took him to his half-century, from three paces down the pitch.

Venter, who was punished on that occasion, is a duffer among off spinners. He owed his two first-innings wickets to a rash stroke by Loye and an aberration by Rhodes, who swung over a high full toss. Yesterday, tamed by Crawley, he got plenty o'nuttin' — and nuttin's plenty for him.

The left-arm spinner, Boje, who may meet England again in the five-day Test next week, was a bit of a puzzle. He ploughed away from over the wicket, looking for the rough outside the right-hander's leg stump: Crawley almost wore out his pads kicking him away. As impressions of Richard Illingworth go, it was highly impressive but surely a spinner of talent should aim higher.

If Boje was going to get anyone out it was Morris, whose left-handedness offered no great advantage. Opting to play him off the pitch, as the ball span into him out of the rough, Morris was frequently back on his stumps and, after making 96 with Crawley for the third wicket, he was adjudged leg-before. He had played well.

Crawley and Wells bat well together, even if their running occasionally lacks unity. To be absolutely sure of saving the game, England needed both men to be there at tea. Indeed, Morris admitted later: "We felt that if we then got to drinks [the halfway stage of the last session] at four an over we would need about 130 from the last 20 overs and it be worth a dabble."

Instead, Wells called for a sharp single four overs before the break and Wilkinson, responding no less sharply from cover, swooped, collected and hit the stumps in an impressive unbroken movement. It was an excellent piece of cricket that — and one hesitates to labour the point — showed up the England outcricket for the shambles it has been.

Crawley was in such command of the bowling by this stage that it seemed only a run-out would get rid of him. Having made 128 from 237 balls, he nicked a drive some way from his body and was gone, largely unapplauded. The sooner he becomes a full Test player the happier all right-thinking people will be.

As a point of comparison, he made as many runs yesterday as Lathwell has managed to make in nine completed innings since his 83 in the first innings against Transvaal on December 11.

Crawley's first-class tally is 675 at an average of 84, four times higher than Lathwell's. Does that mean he is four times better a player than Lathwell? Right now it does.

Lacklustre display by Witt leaves much to be desired

FROM JOHN HENNESSY IN COPENHAGEN

KATARINA Witt, returning to competition with two Olympic gold medals already in her keeping, survived the qualifying competition in the European figure skating championships here yesterday. When you have said that, you have almost said it all.

Her programme is so devoid of technical content that one judge gave her a dismissive 4.9 for the first mark. The second marks had to be higher, rising to 5.7 in four cases, but of course it is easier to be artistic when there is not too much going on.

She succeeded with only two triple jumps, toe loop and salchow, both in combination, but as solo jumps they failed. One was reduced to a double, on the other Witt landed with a stumble.

Parts of the programme were carried out at a funereal walk, which might have been appropriate for her accompanying music, *Where Have All The Flowers Gone?*, but did nothing to push back the frontiers of figure skating.

Blame it on ageing hormones if you will, but the comparison in erotic appeal with another German purveyor of the song, Marlene Dietrich, seems ludicrously exaggerated. It may be that the song she has chosen will be sadly prophetic unless, on Saturday, she is able to make a big improvement in the final free skating.

Stephanie Main, the young British champion, has justified her selection so far, finishing twelfth in the same group as Witt to qualify for the championship proper.

Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean unveiled free dance mark two here yesterday, still leaving some doubts unresolved. Two different lifts and new steps have been introduced, but the cognoscenti, seeing *Let's Face The Music And Dance* for the first time, tended to agree that if the skating is dazzling, the presentation lacks punch.

Their principal opponents, both from Russia, showed only parts of their programmes, but enough to suggest that their hopes of withstanding the return of Torvill and Dean are well founded. The rock 'n' roll of Grischuk and Platov, second last year behind Usova and Zhulin, was effective, fast, lively and eye-catching. If it lacks anything, it is certainly not punch.

RESULTS: Women: Qualifiers: Group A: 1, S Bonaly (Fr) 1.0 factored placements; 2, L Ivanova (Ukr) 2.0; 3, M Buyniskaya (Russ) 3.0; 4, L Hubert (Fr) 4.0; 5, M Kajas (Fin) 5.0; 6, M Kielmann (Ger) 6.0; 7, M P Leray (Fr) 7.0; 8, Z Szwed (Pol) 8.0; 9, A Rechnio (Pol) 9.0; 10, E Liashenko (Ukr) 10.0; 11, I Zamanova (Cz) 11.0; 12, M Andrade (Sp) 12.0. Group B: 1, O Baiul (Ukr) 1.0; 2 O Madova (Russ) 2.0; 3, K Witt (Ger) 3.0; 4, K Czako (Hun) 4.0; 5, N Krieg (Switz) 5.0; 6, T Szawtzenko (Ger) 6.0; 7, Y Vovobieva (Azer) 7.0; 8, A S Cleeye (Bel) 8.0; 9, A Torp-Lund (Den) 9.0; 10, S Fontana (It) 10.0; 11, M Kopac (Slovenia) 11 0; 12, S Main (GB) 12.0.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday, January 22 unless stated

FA PREMIERSHIP

1 Arsenal v Oldham
1 Coventry v QPR
X Ipswich v Wimbledon
1 Liverpool v Man City
1 Man Utd v Everton
1 Newcastle v Soton
2 Swindon v Tottenham

Not on coupons: Blackburn v Leeds (Sunday), Chelsea v Aston Villa, Sheffield Wed v Sheffield Utd, *West Ham v Norwich City (Monday)*

FIRST DIVISION

1 Birmingham v Sunderland
X Bristol C v Notts Co
1 Charlton v Barnsley
1 Middlesbro v Watford
1 Portsmouth v Peterboro
1 Southend v Grimsby
1 Stoke v Oxford
X West Brom v Millwall

Not on coupons: Bolton v Tranmere (Sunday); Crystal Palace v Leicester, Luton v Derby; Nottingham Forest v *Wolves (Sunday)*

SECOND DIVISION

1 Blackpool v Swansea
X Bournmth v Fulham
2 Bradford C v Bristol R
1 Brentford v Hartlepool
1 Cambridge v Wrexham
1 Cardiff v Barnet
2 Huddersfld v York
1 Hull v Port Vale
X Plymouth v Burnley
1 Reading v Exeter
X Rotherham v Leyton O
1 Stockport v Brighton

THIRD DIVISION

X Carlisle v Shrewsbury
1 Chester v Darlington
2 Chesterfld v Preston
2 Doncaster v Lincoln
2 Gillingham v Walsall
X Hereford v Crewe
X Rochdale v Torquay
1 Scarboro v Mansfield
1 Scunthorpe v Colchester
2 Wigan v Bury
1 Wycombe v Northampton

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION

X Buxton v Knowsley
1 Droylsden v Chorley
2 Horwich v Gainsboro

DIADORA LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Molesey v Basingstoke

SCOTTISH PREMIER

2 Aberdeen v Rangers
X Celtic v Dundee Utd
1 Dundee v Raith
2 Hearts v Kilmarnock
X Partick v Motherwell
1 St Johnstone v Hibernian

SCOTTISH FIRST

1 Airdrie v Brechin
2 Ayr v Stirling
1 Dumbarton v Clyde
1 Dunfermline v Clydebank
1 Hamilton v St Mirren
2 Morton v Falkirk

SCOTTISH SECOND

1 Alloa v Arbroath
X East Fife v Stranraer
2 E Stirling v Queen's Pk
2 Forfar v Stenhousemuir

Not on coupons: Meadowbank Thistle v Albion Rovers, Montrose v Berwick Rangers, Queen of the South v Cowdenbeath

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Ipswich, Bristol City, West Bromwich, Bournemouth, Plymouth, Rotherham, Carlisle, Hereford, Rochdale, Buxton, Partick, East Fife
BEST DRAWS: Ipswich, Bristol City, Plymouth, Rotherham, Partick.
AWAYS: Bristol Rovers, York, Preston, Lincoln, Bury
HOMES: Arsenal, Newcastle, Charlton, Stoke, Blackpool, Reading, Chester, Scarborough, Droylsden, Dundee, Airdrie, Dunfermline.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Arsenal, Newcastle, Blackpool, Scarborough, Airdrie Aways: Bristol Rovers, Preston, Falkirk. Draws: Bristol City, Plymouth, Rotherham

☐ Vince Wright

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

DISSIGHT

(b) Something unpleasant to look upon, an unsightly object, an eyesore, from *dis-* negating or reversing + *sight*: "Come in, dear boy, come in. You are a dissight for sore eyes."

ENDAMASK

(b) To tinge with an interspersed shade of paler colour, to paint in various colours, from *en-* + *damask* the streaky colour of the *damask* (Damascus) rose: Sidney, *Arcadia*, 1580: "A pretty feare came up, to endamask her rosie cheekes."

HOMONOMOUS

(a) Subject to the same or a constant law, specifically in Biology having the same law or mode of growth, said of homologous parts or organs (opposite to *heteronomous*): "The individual fingers and toes are homonomous structures."

IRADE

(c) A written decree issued by the Sultan of Turkey, from the Turkish *irâdah* will or desire: "The Irade summoning another meeting of the Ambassadors to discuss the question of the Governorship of the Lebanon."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... Rhg2+ 2 Kh1 (2 Kf1 Nh2+ 3 Kel Rfe2+ 4 Kd1 Rad2 mate) 2 ... Rxg3 3 Bg1 Rh2+! 4 Bxh2 Nf2 mate.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

HAMILTON, Ontario: Indoor meeting: Selected winners: Men: 50m: L Neal (US) 5.63sec. 1,000m: G Karsh (Can) 2mn 24.12sec Mile: M O'Sullivan (Ire) 4 02.40. Women: 50m: J Cuthbert (Jam) 6.30. 500m: J Miles (US) 1 11 06 800m: S Lynch (US) 2:10.42. 1,500m: P Schnurr (Can) 4:11 80

MONTREAL: Indoor grand prix: Men: 60m: 1, B Surin (Can) 6.54sec; 2, F Fredericks (Nam) 6.59. Mile: 1, W O'Sullivan (Ire) 3mn 59 72sec. Women: 60m: 1, M Freeman (Jam) 7.22. 60m hurdles: 1, Freeman 8.00.

JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA, Spain: Marathon: 1, E Abdelkader (Mor) 2hr 15min 45sec; 2, J Mestre (Por) 2:19.06; 3, Z Mohamed (Mor) 2.19.18.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: New Jersey 99 Utah 94: Boston 105 Denver 100: Portland 106 Charlotte 101

LEAGUE TROPHY: Final: Thames Valley Tigers 79 Manchester Giants 73 (at Birmingham).

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Birmingham 73 Leicester 64.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Brixton 102 Plymouth 83; Crystal Palace 82 Coventry 69.

BOWLS

EIBA INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Sixth round: Whiteknights 54 Teignbridge 93; Cyphers 97 Mote Park 73; Stanley 86 Blackpool Borough 81 (after extra ends); City of Coventry 69 North Walsham 83; Cambridge Park 88 East Dorset 73, Desborough 32 St Andrews 66, City of Ely 82 Ipswich 78, Thornaby 74 Old Mill 71

WELSH INDOOR BOWLS ASSOCIATION BRITISH EVENT: Quarter-final play-offs: Singles: J Price (Swansea) bt A Biddle (Sealand) 21-13, R Weale (Radnorshire) bt B Fitzgibbon (Ogwr) 21-15; D Harding (Cardiff) bt B Powell (Port Talbot) 21-19, L Webley (Vale of Glamorgan) bt L Saunders (Merthyr Tydfil) 21-18. Under-25 singles: B Sanson (Newport) bt D Kelly (Torfaen) 21-16, W Matthews (Llanelli) bt G Williams (Pembrokshire) 21-8, J Webley (Vale of Glamorgan) bt R Garnent (Swansea) 21-14; B Evans (Earlswood) bt N Jones (Ogwr) 21-16 Pairs, A Atwood and N Leigh (Cardiff) bt J Power and J Dacey (Merthyr Tydfil) 22-11; C Piper and I Morgan (Port Talbot) bt C Edwards and I Terry (Earlswood) 18-13, C Todd and R Greenslade (Cardiff) bt D Kelly and B Reiland (Torfaen) 20-16, S Rees and J Price (Swansea) bt R Baker and M Parsons (Port Talbot) 24-12. Triples: Merthyr Tydfil (C Lewis) bt Port Talbot (T O'Connor) 27-7, Vale of Glamorgan (L Webley) bt Merthyr Tydfil (R Price) 25-5, Cardiff (J Dawes) bt Vale of Glamorgan (B Griffiths) 19-15, Llanelli (B Kingdon) bt Swansea (R Gough) 25-8. Fours: Cardiff (T Rowlands) bt Merthyr Tydfil (C Lewis) 25-10; Torfaen (W Hier) bt Torfaen (B Reiland) 20-19; Flint Beach (J Hunt) bt Llanelli (E Oliver) 18-15; Swansea (J Price) bt Rhondda (G Williams) 20-12.

WELSH BREWERS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Taff Ely bt Newport 127-116 (18-4); Cardiff bt Torfaen 136-94 (17-5); Merthyr Tydfil bt Vale of Glamorgan 139-87 (21-1); Sealand bt Severn Valley 134-119 (16-6); Llanelli bt Ogwr 130-100 (20-2); Swansea bt Pembrokshire 145-118 (17-5). Port Talbot bt Earlswood 129-109 (20-2); Radnorshire bt Flint Beach 151-107 (22-0)

SUN LIFE WESSEX LEAGUE: South region: Bmnster bt Bridport 93-78 (12-4); Dorchester bt Isle of Purbeck 96-64 (16-0); Five Rivers bt Moonfleet 78-68 (14-2); Wellworthy bt Yeovile 104-57 (16-0); Dolphin bt Stour Vale 77-51 (14-2); Bentham bt Dean 113-56 (14-2); Northavon bt Chipping Norton 79-74 (12-4); Gloucester bt Thamesdown 85-76 (14-2); Westlecot bt Yate 90-73 (14-2).

STEVENAGE: Under-25 match: England 127 Wales 107 (England skips first): R O'Sullivan (Ire) 3mn 59 72sec. Women: Greenslade 22, N Bowden 21 D Kingdon 16, N Jones 23 G Williams 17; N Bingrall 22 A Matthews 17. S Arey 36 N Collett 13)

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Brisbane: Queensland 347 (M L Hayden 126) and 331 (Hayden 155, S G Law 76), Victoria 272 (G Allardice 86, and 212 (B Hodge 64; C G Rackemann 5-32) Queensland won by 194 runs.

RED STRIPE CUP: Bridgestown: Jamaica 406 (J C Adams 133, R G Samuels 68, F Redwood 62 not out) and 118; Barbados 232 (D L Haynes 84) and 74-1, Plymouth: Trinidad and Tobago 99 (K C G Benjamin 5-19, C E L Ambrose 4-12) and 183, Leeward Islands 392 (K L T Arthurton 93, L L Lawrence 58, L A Harrigan 51). Leeward Islands won by an innings and 110 runs St George's, Grenada: Guyana 286; Windward Islands 157-8.

GALLE, Sri Lanka: Second Youth Test: Sri Lanka 182 and 233; England 150 and 149 Sri Lanka won by 117 runs.

CYCLING

BREMEN, Germany: Six-day event: Third-day standings: 1, B Risi (Switz) and K Betscher (Switz) 214pts; 6, K Khrabzov (Russ) and A Doyle (GB) 105pts, 10 laps behind

CYCLO-CROSS: BCCA inter-area team championship (at Bingley): 1, Midlands 22pts; 2, Yorkshire 27, 3 North West 74 individual (12 miles): T Gould (Team Schwinn) 59:50 Avon and Somerset Police CC (12m), J Scholes (Bromsgrove Olympique) 52.50 CS Dynamo (12m) A McLean (Team Zcyland) 1.04 43 Clarendon CC (12m) P Rice (Army CC) 1:02:13 Ipswich BC (12m) K Burton (CRD) 1 01:30 St Helens CRC (12m) K Duckworth (Den CC) 51:00 Mapperley CC (10m): J Hallam (Beeston RC) 40:16

FOOTBALL

SPANISH LEAGUE: Saturday: Valencia 1 Deportivo la Coruña 3. Sunday: Real Sociedad 1 Albacete 1; Sevilla 0 Barcelona 0; Real Madrid 3 Real Zaragoza 2; Sporting Gijon 7 Osasuna 1, Celta Vigo 1 Real Valladolid 2, Logroñés 2 Real Oviedo 2; Rayo Vallecano 2 Atlético Madrid 1, Lleida 0 Racing Santander 0; Tenerife 2 Athletic Bilbao 1.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Atalanta 2 Torino 2; Genoa 0 AC Milan 0; Internazionale 3 Foggia 1, Juventus 0 AS Roma 0; Lazio 2 Reggiana 0; Lecce 1 Parma 1; Napoli 2 Cremonese 1, Piacenza 2 Sampdoria 1; Udinese 1 Cacilan 1.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Auxerre 2 Metz 0; Cannes 1 Strasbourg 1; Le Havre 1 Lille 0; Lens 2 Caen 0, Lyons 1 Sochaux 0; Marsgues 0 Angers 0; AS Monaco 1 Montpelier 2; Nantes 4 Bordeaux 1; Toulouse 1 St Etienne 2; Paris Saint-Germain 1 Marseilles 1.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Waregem 2 AA Ghent 2; Seraing 1 Lommel 0; FC Bruges 1 Ostend 0; FC Liege 1 Anderlecht 2; Royal Antwerp 0 Cercle Bruges 3; Beveren 3 Germinal Ekeren 1; RV Mechelen 1 Charleroi 3, Racing Genk 0 Lierse 3.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Feyenoord 5 WV Venlo 0, Groningen 4 Utrecht 1; Ajax 4 MVV Maastricht 1; Twente Enschede 2 RKC Waalwijk 1; Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 0 PSV Eindhoven 4; SC Heerenveen 0 Vitasse Arnhem 4; Willem II Tilburg 5; Sparta Rotterdam 1, NAC Breda 2 Cambuur Leeuwerden 0.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Farense 2 Vitoria Setubal 1, Belenenses 2 Salgueiros 3; Estrela Amadora 3 Paços de Ferreira 1; Uniao Madeira 0 Famalicão 0; Gil Vicente 1 CS Maritimo 0, Vitoria Guimaraes 1 Benfica 2, Boavista 2 Beira Mar 1, Sporting Lisbon 2 Sporting Braga 0.

GOLF

HONOLULU: Hawaiian Open: Leading final scores: 269: B Ogle (Aus) 66, 66, 69, 68 270: D Love III (US) 68, 60, 71, 71, 272: J Huston (US) 70, 68, 67, 67, 273: C Pavin (US) 68, 70, 70, 65, 274: J Parnevik (Swe) 71, 65, 74, 63, 275: C Parry (Aus) 68, 70, 72, 67; T Tryba (US) 69, 71, 68, 67.

HOCKEY

AEWHA PLATE: Second round: Old Loughtonians 4 Milton Keynes 0; Sunbury 1 Hemel Hempstead 0; Tunbridge Wells 1 Crosby 2

ENGLISH WOMEN'S INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP: North clubs (Washington): 1, Hightown; 2, Doncaster; 3, Bradford.

YORKSHIRE CUP: Final: Sheffield 4 Ben Rhydding 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Philadelphia 5 Los Angeles 2; Buffalo 4 Dallas 2; Tampa Bay 3 Winnipeg 2 OT, NY. Rangers 5 Chicago 1; Vancouver 4 Anaheim 3

LACROSSE

FLAGS: Quarter-finals: Mellor 15 Hutmenians 4, Cheadle 13 Timperley 3; Sale 14 Sheffield Steelers 5; Heaton Mersey 8 Stockport 10. Tour Match: England 21 Vermont University 4.

LUGE

OBERHOF, Germany: World Cup: Men's singles: 1, M Prock (Austria) 1min 29.974sec; 2, D Kennedy (US) 1:29.828; 3, M Schmidt (Austria) 1:29.884. Women's singles: 1, G Kohlisch (Ger) 1min 22.581sec; 2, J Bode (Ger) 1:22.809; 3, S Erdmann (Ger) 1:22.942. Men's doubles: 1, S Skel and S Wolter (Ger) 1min 22.920sec; 2, T Schiegl and M Schiegl (Austria) 1:23.173; 3, S Krausse and J Behrendt (Ger) 1:23.257

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Cup
Third round
Luton v Southend (7.45)
Third round, replays
Bath v Stoke
Carlisle v Sunderland
Ipswich v Swindon (7.45)
Port Vale v Southampton (7.45)
Endsleigh Insurance League
Second division
Stockport v Blackpool (7.45)
Third division
Mansfield v Hereford
Scottish League
First division
Airdrie v Hamilton
Dumbarton v Clydebank
Falkirk v Dunfermline
St Mirren v Morton
Second division
Alloa v East Fife
Berwick v Queen of the South
Cowdenbeath v Forfar
Stenhousemuir v Montrose

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Marlow v Hayes. First division: Staines v Worthing (7.45). Second division: Ware v Chertsey (7.45). Third division: Cheshunt v Flackwell Heath (7.45)

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Carlsberg Cup: Second round: Basingstoke v Wokingham; Bromley v Croydon, Enfield v Hendon; Grays v Hitchin (7.45); Wembley v Uxbridge; Windsor and E v Dorking, Wivenhoe v Yeading. Carlsberg Trophy: Second round: Banstead v Lewes; Hampton v Leatherhead; Hertford v Harlow; Leighton v Hornchurch (7.45); Saffron Walden v Tilbury.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cheltenham v Halesowen; Stringbourne v Cambridge City. Midland division: Badworth v Armitage. Southern division: Buckingham v Bury Town.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Gainsborough v Leek; Knowsley Utd v Emley. First division: Cup: Farsley Celtic v Grasmo; Harrogate v Goole.

FA VASE: Fourth round, replays: Boston v Radcliffe Borough, Thackley v Atherton LR.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Derby v Notm Forest (7.0); Notts Co v Liverpool (7.0); Sheffield Utd v Coventry (7.0). Second division: Manchester C v Huddersfield (6.45); Oldham v Rotherham (7.0); Preston v Middlesbrough (7.0). Postponed: Grimsby v Hull.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division (all 2.0): Arsenal v Chelsea; C Palace v Brighton; West Ham Utd v QPR. Postponed: Bristol C v Ipswich.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Newcastle Town v Eastwood Hanley.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: North Ferriby v Liversedge; Glasshoughton v Lincoln Utd.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter championship
Second division
Hunslet v Batley

NETBALL

ENGLISH COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Middlesex 44 East Essex 30; Hampshire North 49 Bedfordshire 45; Mid Hampshire 36 Surrey 64; Birmingham 36 Essex Met 52. Second division: Nottinghamshire 48 East Dorset 40; West Yorkshire 28 Cheshire 33; Derbyshire 52 Hertfordshire 47; Kent 63 Humberside 45. Third division: South Yorkshire 41 Warwickshire, 42; Gloucester 47 Lancashire 44; West Devon 38 Sussex 47; South Durham 43 Northants 53. Fourth division: South Staffordshire 43 Shropshire 42; Cornwall 57 Worcestershire 36; Suffolk 59 North Buckinghamshire 43; South Buckinghamshire 77 Cambridgeshire 49. Fifth division: Norfolk 47 Merseyside 38; Greater Manchester 22 Berkshire 42; Somerset 43 East Hampshire 59; Wiltshire 48 Oxfordshire 30. Sixth division: Leicestershire 37 Staffordshire 41; North Durham 40 Tyne And Wear 35; Avon 35 Herefordshire 39; West Dorset 44 East Devon 51.

NORDIC SKIING

HOLMENKOLLEN, Norway: World Cup cross-country meeting: Men: 15km freestyle: 1, V Smirnov (Kaz) 36min 44.7sec; 2, B Daehlie (Nor) 37:06.9; 3, M Myllyla (Fin) 37:14.2. 4 x 10km cross-country relay: 1, Finland 1hr 31min 56.2sec; 2, Italy 1:31:56.6; 3, Norway 1:32:24.2. Nordic combined: 1, M Stecher (Austria, 257.5 ski jumping pts, 42min 8.6sec cross country time); 2, F B Lundberg (Nor); 3, T Kono (Japan). Women: 15km freestyle: 1, L Egorova (Russ) 41min 18.2sec; 2, M Di Centa (It) 41:56.0; 3, N Manlynova (Russ) 42:04.5. 4 x 5km cross country relay: 1, Russia 50min 39.3sec; 2, Italy 51:07.8; 3, Norway 52:29.5.

SKIING

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy: Women's World Cup: Super giant slalom: equal 1, A Dovzan (Slovenia) and P Wiberg (Swe) 1min 20.64sec; 3, U Maier (Austria) 1:20.88.

SNOOKER

BLACKPOOL: Embassy world championship: Seventh qualifying round (England unless stated): D Harold bt J Burns 10-0; R Lewer bt J Michie 10-3; M Davis bt S Murphy 10-2; N Gilbert bt B Jones 10-4; S Lee bt T Meo 10-3; M Couch bt P Francisco (SA) 10-4; S Gill bt J Birch 10-7; J Wych (Can) bt M Judge (Ire) 10-5; S Mazrocis bt P Davies (Wales) 10-5; N Terry bt P Cawley 10-8; C Thorburn (Can) bt S Pittman 10-7; B Morgan bt J Chambers 10-5; L Dodd bt C Edwards 10-7; A Hamilton bt J Grech (Mal) 10-8; W Jones (Wales) bt L Robinson 10-9; J Weston bt D Fowler 10-8.

SQUASH

WELWYN GARDEN CITY: SRA national championships: Men: Semi-final: P Nicol (Scot) bt J Nicolle (Hants) 9-5, 10-9, 9-0. Women: S Wright (Kent) bt L Opie (Notts) 9-6, 9-5, 8-10, 9-4.

TENNIS

VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Men: Fourth round: Tennis World, Middlesbrough 1 Puma, Sunderland 2; David Lloyd, Rentrew wo Topspin, Darlington scr; Ilkley 0 Hallamshire, Sheffield 3; Upper Armley, Leeds 1 Huddersfield 2; Matchpoint, Bramhall 2 Watchorn, Alfreton 1; Repton School 3 Bilston 0; Welwyn Spin 3 Hazelwood 0; Connaught 1 Beechwood, St Albans 2; Carlton 3 BBC 0; David Lloyd, Finchley 3 Middlesex University 0

Royal Berkshire wo Delta, Swindon scr; David Lloyd, Heston 3 Watton Astros 0; Windmill H 2 Pavilion and Av, Hove 1, Crawley 0 Surrey CC 3; David Lloyd, Eastbourne 1 Penkridge, Bromley 2; Maidstone wo Deal scr; Matchpoint, Southampton 3 Bourne, Farnham 0; W Herts, Bournemouth wo Alwaston, Gosport scr; *Centrecourt, Basingstoke 3 Kingsley 0.*

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SNOW SERVICE

Sadler's Wells is struck by lameness

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

SADLER'S Wells, the outstanding sire in Europe, was taken to a veterinary hospital in Ireland yesterday after suddenly going lame at Coolmore Stud. Bob Lanigan, the general manager of Coolmore, said: "He was sent [to Troytown hospital] for observation and his condition is stable. He went lame after exercise this morning. I don't think it is serious, but I can't tell you any more than that. I don't have a precise diagnosis."

Lanigan ruled out speculation that Sadler's Wells was suffering from a twisted gut, but news of the confinement will send a shudder through the bloodstock world, and especially his principal owners, Robert Sangster and Shaikh Mohammed.

Now 13, Sadler's Wells is the most potent son of the legendary Northern Dancer in Europe, if not the world, and has proved a stallion phenomemon in recent years. He has been champion sire in Britain and Ireland for three out of the last four years and last year five of his offspring — Opera House, Barathea, Intrepidity, Fort Wood and King's Theatre — won group one races. No fewer than 37 of his two-year-old colts have been entered for the 1995 Derby at Epsom.

The earning potential of Sadler's Wells can be gauged from his advertised covering fee of Ir100,000 guineas. He normally covers close on 200 mares a year and could be expected to continue for at least five more years.

The Jockey Club will decide tomorrow if Adrian Maguire should face a disciplinary enquiry at Portman Square over his use of the whip on Saturday. To the amazement of most racing professionals, the Warwick stewards failed to take action against Maguire after he appeared to hit Ramstar at least 20 times in a televised novices' chase.

The inaction has caused intense annoyance within the Jockey Club and has highlighted the apparent lack of consistency among racecourse stewards when it comes to interpreting rule H9, which governs the whip.

All the indications yesterday pointed to Lord Hartington, senior steward of the Jockey Club, and his colleagues asking the disciplinary committee to summon Maguire. David Pipe, the director of public affairs, said: "The stewards are meeting on Wednesday when they will get a transcript of the Warwick evidence, films, and a report from the chairman of the local panel and the stewards' secretary.

"They will look at everything and decide whether there are grounds for an enquiry. The stewards have to make the decision, rather than the disciplinary committee, as they would be prejudging their own enquiry."

Cheltenham racecourse yesterday published the 46 entries for the Tote Gold Cup, the largest entry since 1982. The volume of potential runners is due to the open nature of the chase in what appears to be a non-vintage year.

Jodami, last year's winner, returns to action at Haydock on Saturday, where he could gain meet Run For Free, one of 11 Martin Pipe-trained entries the Cheltenham race on March 17.

Gold Cup betting has been quiet of late, partly due to the uncertainty over Jodami following his disappointing run at Chepstow on December 4. Corals yesterday trimmed Run For Free from 16-1 to 12-1, clipped Young Hustler a couple of points to 12-1 and cut Flashing Steel, one of seven Irish entries, from 16-1 to 14-1.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: DJEBEL PRINCE
(2.00 Folkestone)

Next best: Bay Mischief
(3.00 Folkestone)

Big-race entries

TOTE CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP (3m 2f: 46 entries) Barton Bank, Black Humour, Blazing Walker, Bradbury Star, Cab On Target, Cahervillahow, Capability Brown, Carvill's Hill, Celtic Shot, Chatam, Cogent, Cool Ground, Crystal Spirit, Deep Bramble, Docklands Express, Double Silk, Ebony Jane, Flashing Steel, Fragrant Dawn, Garrison Savannah, General Idea, Granville Guest, Hawthorn Blaze, Jodami, King Of The Gales, King's Curate, Kings Fountain, Lord Relic, Minnehoma, Morley Street, Propero, Riverside Boy, Rolling Ball, Royal Athlete, Run For Free, Ryde Again, Sibton Abbey, The Fellow, The Illiad, Tipping Tim, Toby Tobias, Topsham Bay, Very Very Ordinary, Whispering Steel, Young Hustler, Zeta's Lad. To be run on March 17.

Riders come under doctor's orders

Michael Turner is the prime mover behind drug tests for jockeys, Richard Evans reports



JOHN MANNING

Dr Turner, the Jockey Club's chief medical adviser, has led the way in proposing random drug tests on jockeys

The first question Dr Michael Turner asked when he became chief medical adviser to the Jockey Club last autumn was simple. "Why don't we test jockeys for drink and drugs?"

The quizzical response from the racing fraternity initially would have provided the late Henry Bateman with ample material for one of his famous cartoons.

Dr Turner, a specialist in sports medicine, stood his ground and the force of his argument was unanswerable. As a result, the first random tests on riders are likely to be introduced by the Cheltenham Festival in March.

"It was the safety aspect that concerned me when I first came in," Dr Turner said. "There are 1,500 jockeys — 500 professional and 1,000 amateur. A rule of thumb: if you are looking at any other population or organisation, it says somewhere between eight and ten per cent of people have regular contact with alcohol or drugs and have a problem in that regard. They are taking it on a regular basis.

"Now nobody minds what people do at home so long as they are not impaired when they come on to a racecourse. But if a chap arrives and is actually drunk, he should not be riding a horse around Aintree. Likewise, if a fellow is a regular smoker of cannabis; this impairs judgment and makes him very relaxed and no longer aware of the kind of risks he is causing to himself and other people.

"When you talk to jockeys about these matters, they are aware a number in their midst turn up from time to time not in the most pristine condition. It may be because a jockey has had an injury and has taken too many painkillers, which makes him light-headed. That is not the kind of thing we are trying to stop; we are not trying to stop people earning a living.

"What we are trying to do is make sure that a chap who goes round is not as high as a kite and putting everybody else at risk."

The random tests, carried out and subsidised by the Sports Council, will initially involve giving a urine sample, but should be replaced by the breathalyser once racing has come to accept that a jockey could be banned from riding minutes before a big race.

One race meeting a week will be selected and a trio of jockeys picked at random. "We want to test ten per cent of all the jockeys every year." Dr Turner, who will supervise the medical needs of the British team at the Winter Olympics next month, said.

The alcohol limit will be the same as for motorists and there will be a threshold for drugs to avoid anyone being penalised, for example, by passive smoking of cannabis. Meanwhile, the Jockey Club is consulting lawyers over penalties for riders who fail a random test.

Dr Turner believes the arduous lifestyle of jockeys makes them particularly prone to the temptation of drink or drugs. "They get up early in the morning and ride out large numbers of horses. Then they have to travel long distances to and from the races and spend a lot of time in a car. They get little sleep and the ability to stay awake is sometimes a problem.

"The temptation, when you talk to jockeys, especially the senior jockeys, is that they take 'uppers' which are amphetamine-based and the same drugs which are used in slimming pills and freely available in Ecstasy, if you are a young, healthy, fit individual," he said.

"They make you feel full of vigour but they also do away with your inhibitions. The trouble is when you get home at night you can't sleep, because you are so high, so the temptation then is to drink alcohol, which sedates you, or to take a sleeping tablet or have some kind of 'downer'.

"The next morning you feel awful and so you then have to have an 'upper' to get you going and the whole cycle recurs. People ask does this occur and the answer is 'Yes, it does'. We are drying out jockeys in the same way we are drying out people for other organisations I am looking at."

Dr Turner declined to disclose the numbers involved. "But there are jockeys who have gone through the system of rehabilitation and have returned after an off-season where, instead of being in Barbados, they have been rehabilitated to the extent that they no longer have a problem.

"It is no different to any other population in the world and we are not talking about a high risk. But the particular environment in which jockeys work puts others at risk and is therefore something we should be a bit more sensitive about."

As a doctor whose experience in occupational health includes being medical adviser to a number of large companies, including Texaco, as well as director of medical services to the British Olympic Association, he doubts if alcohol will be a problem except with the older riders, of whom there are increasingly fewer.

"Alcohol is not a problem with young chaps in every organisation and every sport I look at. People do not drink but they do occasionally have cannabis or snort cocaine."

Help-line to healthy eating

A NUTRITIONAL telephone hot-line and improved helmets for jockeys are the latest health aids being introduced by Dr Turner as racing catches up with other sports in medical care (Richard Evans writes). The innovations follow the successful introduction of back protectors and "flying physios", who treat jockeys on the spot at racecourses for bumps and bruises suffered during falls.

An educational programme for the 180 racecourse doctors is also being implemented so they can deal with injuries they may not see frequently. The doctors are being trained in acute trauma to prepare them for riders suffering from fractures or a broken neck.

Jockeys, who often waste to keep their weight down, will be able to phone up later this year for advice on a balanced diet and how to control their weight. Dr Turner explained: "Too often they try a low-calorie diet, which is disastrous for athletes because they lose strength and energy. Those sort of diets are designed for fat, middle-aged people, not fit, healthy, young jockeys."

The new helmet designed for jockeys offers three times the protection given by the existing model. New helmets will be sold at half-price to riders who have suffered from concussion after a fall — and their old helmets will be examined as part of a project into concussion.

Smith and his crew make light of heavy weather

By Barry Pickthall

LAWRIE Smith's Whitbread Round-the-World Race yacht, *Intrum Justitia*, closed to within 14 miles of Dennis Conner's leading American entry, *Winston*, yesterday after advancing from sixth to second place overall in 24 hours.

"We must have been the only yacht to have packed a heavy weather spinnaker for this short leg from Fremantle to Auckland," Smith said yesterday. "We've had our spinnaker up in winds above 50 knots while others have been forced to sail with jibtops set as two cold fronts swept across the fleet.

"We averaged 114 miles during one six-hour period and 115 in another. It was one of the most exhilarating moments in my sailing career with *Intrum* planing at more than 23 knots for much of the time," he added.

Smith said that the winds and waves south of Tasmania had been much greater than the crew had experienced in the Southern Ocean during the previous leg from Uruguay to Fremantle.

"We are still sailing two knots faster than *Winston* on a better angle to the wind and expect to be past them soon," he said.

Some 370 miles astern, Gustava Pon's Maxi, *Uruguay Natural*, reported serious rudder damage. "We felt a crash in the propeller and rudder section and the boat is now suffering from vibration," Pons said. "Everyone on board is well, but we are steering to Storm Bay close to Hobart to anchor and check the boat out."



Smith: exhilarated

Another yacht to report damage was the British 60-footer, *Dolphin & Youth Challenge*, skippered by Matthew Humphries. He said: "Our main sail split between the second and third reefing points. We dropped the sail in fairly rough conditions, but within three hours had it back up again.

"We have managed to keep our losses to a minimum but we're left with a fairly difficult decision: do we keep pushing the yacht in these strong winds or do we sail conservatively to Auckland and make do with a sixth place?"

Dawn Reilly's all-women crew on board *Heineken* has also endured some rough conditions. "We are experiencing gale-force winds and have been hit by a 60-knot squal," Adrienne Cahalan, the navigator, said. "It's very exciting sailing."

POSITIONS (at 14.00GMT yesterday, with miles to Auckland, New Zealand): Whitbread 60 class: 1, Winston (D Conner, US), 1,178; 2, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur), 1,192; 3, Yamaha (R Field, US), 1,198; 4, Tokyo (C Dickson, NZ), 1,198; 5, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp), 1,218; 6, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB), 1,275; 7, Brooksfield (G Maisto, It), 1,354; 8, Heineken (D Reilly, US), 1,396; 9, Hetman Sahaidachny (E Platon, Ukr), 1,468; 10, Odessa (A Verba, Ukr), 1,600. Maxi class: 1, NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ), 1,207; 2, La Poste (E Tabarly, Fr), 1,241; 3, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz), 1,297; Uruguay Natural (G Pons, Uru), 1,539.

☐ Peter Blake, on *Enza New Zealand*, forged ahead on the first full day of his round-the-world contest with the Frenchman, Olivier de Kersauson, on *Lyonnaise des Eaux-Dumez* yesterday. Blake and his British co-skipper, Sir Robin Knox-Johnson, covered 411 nautical miles in the first 24 hours, the race headquarters in Brest said.

FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER

1.00 Fools Errand
1.30 Rockmount Rose
2.00 Scent Of Battle
2.30 Mailcom
3.00 Bay Mischief
3.30 ROC COLOR (nap)
4.00 The Golfing Curate

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 *MAILCOM*.

GOING: HEAVY (SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

1.00 NORTHIAM NOVICES HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £1,543: 2m 1f 110yd) (6 runners)

1 ARAMON 84F (J Saunders) P Mitchell 10-12 J Osborne —
2 6 BILJAN 122 (P Donnelly) J Jenkins 10-12 W J Walsh (7) —
3 BRIGHTON BREEZY (G West) J Poulton 10-12 R Rowell —
4 FOOLS ERRAND 75F (Mrs D Russell) R Hannon 10-12 R Dunwoody —
5 022 KARAR 1 (BF) (Mrs M Sampson) R Rowe 10-12 N Williamson ●
6 5 WITHOUT A FLAG 62 (Mrs P Sherwood) J White 10-12 A Maguire 59

BETTING: 6-4 Karar, 7-4 Fools Errand, 6-1 Without A Flag, 8-1 Biljan, 12-1 Aramon, 25-1 Brighton Breezy

1993: BOOGIE BOOPER 10-12 P Scudamore (9-2) M Pipe 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

BILJAN distant 6th to Legal Artist in Market Rasen novice hurdle (2m 1f 110yd, good). FOOLS ERRAND 3½l 2nd to Kamikaze at Lingfield maiden (1m 6f, soft) on Flat. KARAR short head 2nd to Silver Standard at Fontwell novice hurdle (2m 2f, soft) yesterday. WITHOUT A FLAG 39l 5th to Habacha in Hereford novice hurdle (2m 1f, good).
Selection: KARAR (nap)

1.30 TED LONG CHALLENGE CUP AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,465: 2m 5f) (8 runners)

1 11-62P4 BOWL OF OATS 32 (B,S) (Mrs A Morley) A Turnell 8-12-0 J Rees (7) 98
2 2GP/13-P BETTY HAYES 113 (C,BF,F,S) (H Bull) R Alner 10-11-7 J Durkan (3) 89
3 663P-0P MACHO MAN 19 (F,G,S) (J Sly) T Etherington 9-11-0 D McCain (5) 89
4 320-502 GUILDWAY 20 (F,G) (M Rimell) N Twiston-Davies 11-10-11 M Rimell (7) 95
5 U13-034 ROCKMOUNT ROSE 34 (F) (G Luck) R Rowe 9-10-6 J Luck (7) 98
6 244352 OLD ROAD 15 (S) (I McGready) D Wintle 8-10-2 G Hogan (7) ●
7 P5-505P ON YOUR WAY 19 (V,G,S) (S Roest) Mrs L Jewell 12-10-0 B Pollock (7) 90
8 500000 BRORA ROSE 12 (S) (D Hooper) P Rodford 6-10-0 Miss S Cobden (7) —

Long handicap: Brora Rose 8-2.

BETTING: 3-1 Bowl Of Oats, 4-1 Rockmount Rose, 5-1 Guildway, 6-1 Old Road, 7-1 Betty Hayes, 10-1 others.

1993: OK CORRAL 6-11-3 J Durkan (11-4) J White 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BETTY HAYES 2½l 3rd of 11 to Ascagnet in an amateur riders' chase here (2m 7f, firm). BOWL OF OATS 2l 2nd of 10 to Piper O'Drummond in a handicap chase at Leicester (3m, good to soft) with ROCKMOUNT ROSE (3lb better off) 1½l 3rd. GUILDWAY 20l 2nd of 6 to The Tartan Spartan in a handicap chase at Southwell (3m 110yd, heavy). ROCKMOUNT ROSE 26½l 4th of 15 in a handicap chase at Exeter (2m 7f 110yd, heavy). OLD ROAD 20l 2nd of 4 to Dare Say in a handicap chase at Leicester (2m 1f, soft).
Selection: BOWL OF OATS

2.00 ROBERTSBRIDGE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,685: 2m 1f 110yd) (6 runners)

1 5-3F312 TOP WAVE 22 (CD,BF,G,S) (4 Colliers) N Henderson 6-11-10 M A Fitzgerald 94
2 105-422 DJEBEL PRINCE 10 (D,BF,G,S) (Elite Thoroughbreds) C Egerton 7-10-12 J Osborne ●
3 201140/ SCENT OF BATTLE 518F (C,S) (W Carpenter) M Haynes 6-10-3 R Dunwoody —
4 215-P32 HANDSOME NED 42 (B,CD,G,S) (J Cox) D Grissell 8-10-2 J Railton 97
5 0-54040 FAMOUS DANCER 45 (S) (B Buckley) J Jenkins 6-10-2 A Maguire —
6 P6/21P- CARRIKINS 323 (G) (Mrs R Hepburn) D Grissell 7-10-0 M Richards 90

Long handicap: Carrikins 9-13.

BETTING: 5-2 Top Wave, 7-2 Handsome Ned, Djebel Prince, 7-1 Famous Dancer, Scent Of Battle 12-1 Carrikins.

1993: SLEEPLINE ROYALE 7-10-12 S Smith Eccles (9-2) T Thomson Jones 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

TOP WAVE beat Soleil Dancer 15l in a 5-runner handicap hurdle at over course and distance (soft). DJEBEL PRINCE neck 2nd of 9 to Imz Delight in a conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, soft). SCENT OF BATTLE beat Run For Nick in a 12-runner novice hurdle here (2m 110yd, soft). HANDSOME NED 1l 2nd of 8 to Katachi in a handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, soft) with DJEBEL PRINCE (1lb worse off) 15½l 4th. CARRIKINS beat Kenton 7l in a 9-runner novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m, good).
Selection: DJEBEL PRINCE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wnrs	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Rowe	6	21	28.6	J Railton	4	20	20.0
N Henderson	4	14	28.6	A Maguire	8	42	19.0
D Grissell	10	38	26.3	R Dunwoody	5	30	16.7
T Thomson Jones	3	13	23.1	M Richards	4	27	14.8
J Gifford	12	72	16.7	C Llewellyn	4	28	14.3

2.30 WHITELAW GOLD CUP (Novices chase: £4,172: 3m 2f) (7 runners)

1 1F-4112 MAILCOM 18 (D,F,S) (Mailcom Plc) Mrs J Pitman 8-12-0 J Osborne ●
2 450-123 SPIKEY 22 (G) (S Powell) J Jenkins 8-12-0 A Maguire 94
3 3136-21 BOLLINGER 48 (F,G,S) (R Eliot) J Gifford 8-11-10 D Murphy 88
4 0-01 DUKES SON 80 (G) (N Gardner) C Brooks 7-11-10 G Bradley —
5 U22F13 JUDGES FANCY 33 (B,BF,G,S) (Mrs S Scott) N Twiston-Davies 10-11-10 C Llewellyn 94
6 0/1P33-4 SAYYURE 18 (F,G,S) (B Lowrey) T Thomson Jones 8-11-6 G McCourt —
7 MISS MURE (P Jeffs) R Curtis 8-11-1 D Morris —

BETTING: 6-4 Mailcom, 11-4 Bollinger, 9-2 Spikey, 5-1 Judges Fancy, 8-1 Dukes Son, 10-1 Sayyure, 20-1 Miss Mure.

1993: ANNIO CHILONE 7-11-7 P Hide (6-1) J Gifford 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAILCOM 1½l 2nd of 6 to Mudahim in a novice chase at Newbury (3m, heavy) with SAYYURE over 30l 4th. SPIKEY 2½l 2nd of 6 to Yorkshire Gale in a novice chase at Sandown (3m 110yd, good). BOLLINGER beat Unholy Alliance short head in a 5-runner novice chase at Fakenham (2m 5f 110yd, good). DUKES SON beat Wicket Keeper ¾l in a 6-runner chase at Down Royal (2m 4f, good). JUDGES FANCY beat Fardross 10l in an 11-runner novice chase at Towcester (3m 1f, soft).
Selection: MAILCOM

3.00 DAN SWINDEN NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,543: 2m 6f 110yd) (6 runners)

1 2111 BAY MISCHIEF 21 (F,S) (J Featherstone, D Bird) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-5 C Llewellyn ●
2 0/04/ BOURNE LANE 685 (M Ford) D Grissell 9-10-12 J Railton —
3 0/24 DUTCH MONARCH 15 (R Allen) Miss B Sanders 7-10-12 A Maguire 84
4 PP/ GRAND COLONIST 735 (R Dean) R Dean 7-10-12 A Procter (3) —
5 326-23 NAZZARO 15 (A Morrish) W G M Turner 5-10-12 R Dunwoody 87
6 0 LEWESDON PRINCESS 80 (M Haigh) J White 6-10-7 W McFarland —

BETTING: 8-11 Bay Mischief, 7-2 Nazzaro, 5-1 Dutch Monarch, 12-1 Lewesdon Princess, 16-1 Bourne Lane, 20-1 Grand Colonist.

1993: COOL CLOWN 6-10-12 P Scudamore (8-13 fav) M Pipe 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

BAY MISCHIEF beat Kyston Castle 3l in a 14-runner novice hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). BOURNE LANE 26l 8th of 10 to Run For Nick in a novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start. DUTCH MONARCH 7l 4th of 14 to Squire Silk in a novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, soft). NAZZARO ¾l 3rd of 18 to Derrymoss in a novice handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, heavy).
Selection: BAY MISCHIEF

3.30 DEAL NOVICES CHASE (£2,468: 2m) (7 runners)

1 5-11211 ROC COLOR 32 (D,G,S) (Mrs S McCarthy) C Brooks 5-11-4 G Bradley 93
2 215-652 CAMBO 18 (G,S) (M Banks) M Banks 8-11-2 D Skyrme —
3 05/46-UP DOVEHILL 35 (Rodney D Townsend) R Townsend 8-11-2 Mr P Bull —
4 3/8/PP DRAW LOTS 34 (P Rodford) P Rodford 10-11-2 D Matthews (5) —
5 205/332- PROPERO 418 (G,S) (Mrs S A Willis) J Gifford 9-11-2 D Murphy ●
6 P HOPS AND POPS 15 (BF) (B Donnelly) R Alner 7-10-11 S Earle —
7 00P0-0P LIRELLA 19 (B Brereton) P Rodford 7-10-11 I Shoemark —

BETTING: 5-4 Roc Color, 5-2 Propero, 9-2 Hops And Pops, 8-1 Cambo, 20-1 Dovehill, 25-1 Lirella, 33-1 Draw Lots.

1993: NATHIR 7-11-2 A Maguire (6-1) P Butler 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROC COLOR beat Beltion 4l in a 5-runner novice chase at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, soft). CAMBO 8l 2nd of 10 to Fired Earth in a handicap hurdle at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). DOVEHILL 38½l 6th of 12 to Gandouge Glen in a maiden hurdle here (2m 1f 110yd, good) on final start last season. DRAW LOTS about 25l 7th of 17 to Estawig in a novice handicap hurdle at Hereford (2m, good) on final start last season. PROPERO 7l 2nd of 8 to Cogent in a conditions chase at Newbury (2m 4f, soft). HOPS AND POPS, useful point-to-pointer, pulled up 4 out in an 8-runner novice chase won by Kalanski at Exeter (2m 7f 110yd, heavy).
Selection: PROPERO

4.00 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,695: 2m 1f 110yd) (7 runners)

1 44-3 PER QUOD 66 (J Spence) N Henderson 9-12-0 R Dunwoody 98
2 /8X/2P-2 KOBYRUN 42 (J Grist) D Grissell 6-10-13 J Railton 94
3 0PP-1PP TWIST 'N' SCU 41 (F) (F Mills) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-13 C Llewellyn 90
4 /3P2P5 THE GOLFING CURATE 15 (Poem Racing) R Rowe 9-10-12 — 92
5 422-242 TYNRON DOON 18 (B,BF) (S Wiltshire) Mrs N Macauley 5-10-8 A Maguire ●
6 06/00-P IRISH TAN 62 (A Aylett) A Aylett 7-10-0 N Williamson —
7 4P/00P-P LETTS GREEN 36 (T Parrott) R Curtis 6-10-0 D Morris —

Long handicap: Irish Tan 9-5, Letts Green 9-6.

BETTING: 9-4 Per Quod, 3-1 Kobyrun, 4-1 Tynron Doon, 7-1 Twist 'N' Scu, 8-1 The Golfing Curate, 12-1 Irish Tan, 16-1 Letts Green.

1993: LOUGH BROWN 10-11-1 J White (5-2) T Casey 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

PER QUOD 26l 7th of 13 to Move A Minute in a novice hurdle at Towcester (2m, good). KOBYRUN 7l 3rd of 6 to Jovial Man in a novice handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, soft). TWIST 'N' SCU best effort this season when beating Major Troop ¾l in a 6-runner novice hurdle at Perth (2m 110y, good to firm). THE GOLFING CURATE about 20l 5th of 13 to Brightling Boy in a handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m 6f 110yd, soft). TYNRON DOON 15l 2nd of 11 to Touch Silver in a selling hurdle at Leicester (2m, heavy).
Selection: PER QUOD

LINGFIELD

THUNDERER

1.45 Jeroboam. 2.15 Leviathan Mystery. 2.45 Just Harry. 3.15 Tee-Emm. 3.45 Red Admiral. 4.15 Northern Conqueror.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.45 YARMOUTH CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,795: 1m 5f) (8 runners)

101 (7) 03-2 JEROBOAM 10 (G) Alan Smith (Bel) 6-9-5 Martin Smith 97
102 (8) 0-21 KENYATTA 7 (CD,G) A Moore 5-9-3 L Dettori 87
103 (2) 04-3 CLUBURNEL NEWS 17 (F,G) W Muir 4-8-12 S Mulvey (7) ●
104 (5) 06-0 LONG FURLONG 10 (F,G) R Akehurst 6-8-7 T Quinn 84
105 (4) 58-4 ANN HILL 10 (C,BF,F,G) R Hollinshead 4-8-6 A Garth (5) 92
106 (3) 50-0 SPECIAL RISK 10 R Akehurst 4-8-5 Paul Eddery 90
107 (6) 06-0 FINDON ACADEMY 7 (E) G L Moore 4-8-3 A Morris 84
108 (1) 00-0 OVERNIGHT SUCCESS 7 M Madgwick 4-8-0 M Fenton (3) —

5-2 Jeroboam, 3-1 Long Furlong, 9-2 Kenyatta, 6-1 Ann Hill, 8-1 others.

2.15 VENTNOR SELLING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,385: 7f) (12)

201 (11) 41-0 OLD HOOK 3 (F) Allan Smith (Bel) 9-5 E Van Reybroeck 84
202 (7) 66-6 CLASSICAL 7 G L Moore 9-0 A Morris 86
203 (6) 34-4 ENCORE SENOR 3 N Callaghan 9-0 L Carter (7) 93
204 (8) 64-3 LEVIATHAN MYSTERY 17 Lord Huntingdon 9-0 L Dettori ●
205 (5) 100- MOKAITE 141 (D,F) T Barron 9-0 T Quinn 90
206 (10) 602- OVALWORLD 21 D Nicholls 9-0 Paul Eddery 95
207 (9) 000- SOUND MAN JIMACK 34 (V) J Bridger 9-0 T Williams —
208 (2) 65- STORM BIDDER 18 B Gubby 9-0 B Russell (5) 82
209 (4) 2-05 BUCKLEY BOYS 10 A Bailey 8-9 S Wadsworth 84
210 (3) 004- LORELEI ROCK 28 J Bennett 8-9 G Bardwell 77
211 (1) 00-0 SWAGGER LADY 17 (B) D Nicholls 8-9 Alex Greaves 90
212 (12) 00- WHO'S CRYING NOW 210 W G M Turner 8-9 T Sprake —

9-4 Leviathan Mystery, 3-1 Ovalworld, 9-2 Old Hook, 5-1 Encore Senor, 8-1 others.

2.45 SHANKLIN HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,143: 1m) (6)

301 (3) 21-1 JUST HARRY 11 (D,G) M Ryan 9-7 P McCabe (5) 90
302 (6) 01-2 NORDANCE PRINCE 7 (CD,BF,G) D Wilson 8-10 J Williams 95
303 (4) 66-4 PLAYING TRICKS 10 W Haggas 8-7 M Hills 92
304 (2) 5-16 MAZ 8 (BF,B) A Bailey 8-3 A Mackay 90
305 (1) 000- ROCKSTINE 18 (V) P Mitchell 7-13 J Quinn 80
306 (5) 4-41 LONE RISK 6 (D,G) C Allen 7-11 (5ex) G Bardwell ●

2-1 Just Harry, 3-1 Nordance Prince, Lone Risk, 6-1 Playing Tricks, 10-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lingfield Park: 2.45 Rockstine. 3.45 Keating.

3.15 RYDE HANDICAP (£2,795: 5f) (7)

401 (1) 40-5 PALLIUM 8 (D,F,G) M Naughton 6-9-10 Paul Eddery 97
402 (2) 650- SERIOUS HURRY 34 (CD,F,G) C C Elsey 6-9-6 T Quinn 97
403 (5) 44-6 TEE-EMM 15 (C,G) P Howling 4-9-0 L Carter (7) ●
404 (3) /1-0 INDY EXPRESS 8 (D,G) A Hanbly 6-8-11 J O'Reilly 96
405 (6) 50-0 LADY ROXANNE 8 (V) Lord Huntingdon 5-8-8 L Dettori 95
406 (4) 6-53 HINARI VIDEO 8 (CD,G,S) M Johnston 9-8-6 J Weaver 96
407 (7) 00-4 PAT POINDESTRES 10 (C,G) M Dixon 4-7-11 N Adams 97

9-4 Hinari Video, 3-1 Pallium, Serious Hurry, 6-1 Tee-Emm, 8-1 others.

3.45 COWES RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES
(£2,445: 6f) (8)

501 (3) 05-3 DISTANT DYNASTY 10 J Long 4-9-0 D Wright (5) ●
502 (1) 000/ HOHNE GARRISON 38J J White 4-9-0 W Newnes —
503 (8) 0-00 KEATING 4 (B) D Nicholls 4-9-0 Alex Greaves 88
504 (4) 503- MOUJEEB 28 (V) Pat Mitchell 4-9-0 L Dettori 90
505 (6) 322- RED ADMIRAL 47 P Haslam 4-9-0 J Weaver 94
506 (2) 000- BELTHORN 28 J Bridger 5-9-0 T Williams 75
507 (7) 060- HONEY VISION 174 (B) G Eden 5-8-9 J Williams 78
508 (5) 34/0 MISSISSIPI MAID 10 W G M Turner 4-8-9 T Sprake —

6-4 Red Admiral, 7-2 Moujeeb, 9-2 Distant Dynasty, 5-1 Honey Vision, 7-1 Missisipi Maid, 25-1 Keating, 33-1 Belthorn, Hohne Garrison.

4.15 NEWPORT APPRENTICES HANDICAP
(£2,624: 1m 2f) (14)

601 (13) .0/0- LUCKNAM DREAMER 75J (C,F) Mrs B Waring 6-10-0 C Hawksley (3) —
602 (8) 650- GOLD BLADE 22 (CD,F,G) N Graham 5-10-0 D Wright 92
603 (5) 00-5 CASTLE BIDDER 10 (V,G) Allan Smith (Bel) 5-10-0 Simon Graham (7) 84
604 (11) 60-4 EXHIBIT AIR 10 (D,F) R Hannon 4-9-12 D O'Neill (5) 94
605 (14) 100- SAVINGS BANK 48 (G) T Barron 4-9-7 V Halliday (3) 88
606 (10) 002- RISING WOLF 28 R O'Sullivan 4-9-4 L Carter (5) ●
607 (9) 04-4 PRECIOUS AIR 17 (F,G,S) A Moore 6-9-0 L Suthern (7) 94
608 (1) 150- NORTHERN CONQUEROR 101 (CD,F) T Naughton 6-8-11 P McCabe 98
609 (6) 0-04 MERSEYSIDE MAN 10 (B,CD,F,G) J Scargill 8-8-9 K Rutter 94
610 (2) 60-0 MEXICAN DANCER 11 (B,S) P Howling 5-8-8 N Gwilliams 94
611 (4) 200- TREBLE LASS 54J B Meehan 4-8-4 A Whelan (5) 91
612 (12) 425- DON'T DROP BOMBS 47J (G) P Felgate 5-8-3 J Tate 97
613 (3) 0-60 MELISIO 8 C Wildman 4-8-2 B Russell (3) 85
614 (7) 00-0 SHARE A MOMENT 14 B Hollinshead 4-7-9 A Garth —

9-2 Rising Wolf, 5-1 Exhibit Air, Gold Blade, 6-1 Merseyside Man, 8-1 Castle Bidder, Precious Air, 10-1 Don't Drop Bombs, Northern Conqueror, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Hollinshead, 13 winners from 55 runners, 23.6%; T Barron, 10 from 44, 22.7%; Lord Huntingdon, 17 from 82, 20.7%; M Johnston, 19 from 98, 19.4%; R O'Sullivan, 29 from 163, 17.8%; N Callaghan, 11 from 63, 17.5%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 23 winners from 67 rides, 34.3%; J Weaver, 7 from 30, 23.3%; Alex Greaves, 12 from 57, 21.1%; T Quinn, 58 from 298, 19.5%; L Carter, 6 from 33, 18.2%; M Hills, 28 from 172, 16.3%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS

Fontwell Park

Going: soft

1.30 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Sam Shorrock (Mr G Johnson Houghton, 10-1); 2, Leagaune (100-30); 3, Under Offer (7-1). Vavasir 13-8 fav. 8 ran. 8l, 1½l. G Thorner. Tote: £9.10; £2.00, £1.20, £1.20. DF: £17.10. CSF: £40.45. Tricast: £227.40.

2.00 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Moynsha House (E Murphy, 2-1 fav); 2, Milly Black (8-1); 3, Alice's Mirror (9-2). 6 ran. 15l, 2½l. B Curley. Tote: £3.00; £1.90, £3.20. DF: £10.20. CSF: £16.25.

2.30 (2m 3f ch) 1, Coonawara (B Powell, 2-5 fav); 2, Nickslime (20-1); 3, Russinsky (11-1). 6 ran. 15l, 1l. T Forster. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £2.40. DF: £4.50. CSF: £8.21.

3.00 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Fort Rank (J Frost, 5-1); 2, Country Store (3-1); 3, Making Time (12-1). Princess Hotpot 4-5 fav. 5 ran. NR: Yellow Corn. 2l, 8l. R Frost. Tote: £6.00; £1.60, £1.80. DF: £8.20. CSF: £18.39. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.30 (2m 2f ch) 1, City Kid (J J Brown, 9-4); 2, Unique New York (4-1); 3, Running Sands (15-8 fav). 5 ran. 15l, 4l. J Gifford. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £1.90. DF: £4.20. CSF: £10.47.

4.00 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Silver Standard (B Powell, 12-1); 2, Karar (5-6 fav); 3, Millmount (11-1). 7 ran. Hd, 15l. T Forster. Tote: £9.70; £3.60, £1.30. DF: £5.30. CSF: £21.92.

Placepot: £264.10.

Wolverhampton

Going: standard

1.20 (1m 6f 166yd) 1, Carrolls Marc (J Weaver, 5-1 jt-fav); 2, Premier Dance (7-1); 3, Moonshine Dancer (6-1). Well And Truly 5-1 jt-fav. 12 ran. 4l, 2½l. P Haslam. Tote: £4.70; £2.00, £1.30, £2.20. DF: £9.80. Trio: £34.70. CSF: £36.98. Tricast: £198.58.

1.50 (7f) 1, Quinzii Martin (J Williams, 7-2 fav); 2, Celestial Choir (4-1); 3, Dam Certain (8-1). 12 ran. Hd, 1l. D Haydn Jones. Tote: £4.60; £1.80, £1.60, £3.00. DF: £11.00. Trio: £35.80. CSF: £17.65. Tricast: £98.54.

2.20 (5f) 1, Brisas (J Fanning, 25-1); 2, Samson-Agonistes (4-5 fav); 3, Ferndale (33-1). 13 ran. 1l, ¾l. C Fairhurst. Tote: £20.70; £2.70, £1.40, £6.90. DF: £19.70. CSF: £45.94.

2.50 (1m 100yd) 1, Keen Bid (J Williams, 10-1); 2, Killing Time (14-1); 3, Dancing Clown (6-1). Wild Ace Evens fav. 12 ran. ¾l, 6l. W Jarvis. Tote: £12.80; £4.50, £2.30, £2.50. DF: £26.90. CSF: £133.82.

3.20 (1m 4f) 1, Must Be Magical (L Dettori, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Swynford Flyer (33-1); 3, Missed The Boat (20-1). Peak District 3-1 jt-fav. 11 ran. 7l, ¾l. J Mackie. Tote: £4.60; £2.10, £16.20, £2.70. DF: £220.60. CSF: £78.08.

3.50 (1m 1f 79yd) 1, Merowins (J Quinn, 13-2); 2, Gallant Jack (25-1); 3, Themaam (6-1). Lochore 4-1 fav. 13 ran. Nk, 1l. E Alston. Tote: £8.00; £1.90, £9.20, £2.30. DF: £425.50. Trio: £422.10. CSF: £136.89. Tricast: £942.57.

Placepot: £316.10.

☐ Yesterday's meeting at Carlisle was called off due to frost. The Tote Jackpot, which was due to operate at Carlisle, has a pool of £87,063.78 carried forward to Lingfield Park today.

Windsor off

THE meeting scheduled for Windsor tomorrow was called off at a midday inspection yesterday. The course has been waterlogged by flooding from the River Thames.

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British interest in singles championships ends on first day of Australian Open

Courier survives first-round scare

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN MELBOURNE

THE last time Jim Courier appeared in a leading tournament, he chose to read a book during changeovers. Yesterday, he almost wrote a new chapter in the modern history of Flinders Park. Never before here had the defending champion been eliminated in the opening round of the Australian Open.

The No 3 seed had all but been battered into submission inside the cavernous centre court by the overtly aggressive tactics of Bryan Shelton. At 3-1 and 40-0 down in the fifth set, Courier was evidently on the point of suffering a fate that had not befallen the holder since 1977.

Then, Roscoe Tanner was instantly dismissed in Kooyong, the former home of the tournament. Courier, however, for all his infamous display of indifference during the ATP finals in Frankfurt in December, has earned himself a reputation and millions of pounds through his single-minded tenacity and doggedness. Characteristically, he recovered a seemingly lost cause. "I crawled back into it," as he put it. "I kept fighting and I didn't hide."

After 4¾ hours in the heat of the afternoon, Courier eventually came through a match outstanding as much for quality as for tension 4-6, 6-1, 6-7, 6-2, 6-4. Shelton, a 28-year-old with an engineering degree, insisted that his plan had been well-executed, but he took it to excess.

He recognised that he could not afford to play safe but, once he had devised such a clear winning position, caution would have been advisable. On reflection, he agreed.

Still, he enjoyed the occasion and so did the crowd, especially when he saved the second of three match-points with an outrageous second service timed at 105mph.

With greater application, Shelton would have celebrated a momentous victory. With greater application, he would be higher than No 99 in the world rankings.

At his age and after making negligible progress over the past four years, he cannot realistically expect to achieve his ambition of breaking into the top 50. This, he says, is a make-or-break year. If he falls short, he could join those having fun in the twilight of their careers.

There was a procession of them on court six. Henri Leconte, 30, led the way to be followed by Mats Wilander, three times a former winner of the title, and Tracy Austin, another irregular competitor nowadays.

All of them won easily. There might be a moral there somewhere.

Wilander would rather stay at home in Greenwich, Connecticut, and play against his neighbour. He dislikes the travelling and the practising but the ordeals are worthwhile when he "hits a ball where I want it to go. It is hard to find that feeling in anything else".

His view of the game from which he effectively withdrew, disenchanted, three years ago is revealing: "There are more people who realise that it pays to be a good tennis player," he said, "and more people who realise that it pays to be friendly with good tennis players."

Parasites and sycophants are not yet problems for the British competitors. Before the first day had been completed, the sun had set on all of their limited aspirations.

Monique Javer, the British No 2, was knocked out in the final qualifying round, which had been suspended the previous evening because of adverse conditions.

The elimination of Britain's pair in the main draws was ultimately self-inflicted. The prospect of defeat prompted both Chris Wilkinson, who had no weapons to force Marc Rosset to retreat, and Clare Wood, with a similar deficiency against Nicole Provis, to double-fault. Both went down in straight sets.

There was no compensation to be found either in the fate of Greg Rusedski, 20, from Canada. He may yet be persuaded to follow the nationality of his English mother and represent Britain in the Davis Cup as well as other events.

He is not yet ready to commit himself to either country but there can be no doubt of his promise. Although he extended a rejuvenated Ivan Lendl, he also lost in straight sets.

Cedric Pioline was a more notable casualty. The No 7 seed and the beaten finalist in the US Open was knocked out by Martin Damm, of the Czech Republic. Nathalie Tauziat, the No 15 seed, went out to Yayuk Basuki, of Indonesia, and Helena Sukova, the No 13 seed, had to survive a match-point against Jenny Byrne, of Australia, before going through.

TOMMY HINDLEY



Austin shows her familiar double-fisted backhand at Flinders Park yesterday

RESULTS FROM FLINDERS PARK

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: H Leconte (Fr) bt N Kinnear (US) 6-4, 6-0, 6-1; B Larkham (Aus) bt R Tsujino (Japan) 6-0, 7-5, 6-4; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt M Pernfors (Swe) 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt A O'Brien (US) 6-4, 6-0, 6-2; E Sánchez (Sp) bt T Carbonell (Sp) 2-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3; R Reneberg (US) bt B MacPhie (US) 7-5, 6-4, 6-0; M Rosset (Switz) bt C Wilkinson (GB) 6-2, 7-5, 6-3; M Ondruska (SA) bt G Pozzi (It) 6-3, 6-1, 6-3; C Caratti (It) bt J Ranzenbrink (Ger) 6-1, 6-4, 6-4; F Dewulf (Bel) bt J Tarango (US) 7-5, 6-4, 6-1

M Damm (Cz) bt C Pioline (Fr) 7-5, 3-6, 7-6, 6-3; G Stafford (SA) bt M Philippoussis (Aus) 6-2, 6-2, 6-0; F Santoro (Fr) bt D Poiakov (Uzb) 6-2, 6-3, 5-2; I Lendl (US) bt G Rusedski (Can) 6-4, 7-6, 7-5; M Wilander (Swe) bt M Velev (Bul) 6-1, 4-6, 6-0, 6-0; S Sirnan (Fr) bt C van Rensburg (SA) 1-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1; T Nydahl (Swe) bt A Kratzmann (Aus) 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 7-5; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt M Rush (Ven) 6-3, 6-3, 6-3; J Courier (US) bt B Shelton (US) 4-6, 6-1, 6-7, 6-2, 6-4; A Nicklstein (US) bt R Furlan (It) 6-3, 2-6, 7-6, 6-3; P Haarhuis (Holl) bt D Nainton (SA) 6-2, 6-2, 6-4; J Stark (US) bt T Ho (US) 7-5, 6-7, 7-6, 6-3; G Raoux (Fr) bt M Naewe (Ger) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-0.

R Gilbert (Fr) bt J Burillo (Sp) 5-7, 7-5, 6-3, 6-1; L Wahlgren (Swe) bt A Jarryd (Swe) 0-6, 6-4, 6-0, 1-0, ret; P Kuhnen (Ger) bt A Olhovsky (Russ) 6-7, 7-6, 6-2, 6-4; J Svensson (Swe) bt M Tebbutt (Aus) 5-7, 7-6, 6-0, 6-3; K Novacek (Cz) bt D Orsanic (Arg) 6-3, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4; O Delaitre (Fr) bt D Nargiso (It) 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; S Pescosolido (It) bt D Flach (US) 6-4, 6-3, 6-4; P Sampras (US) bt J Eagle (Aus) 6-4, 6-0, 7-6; J Hlasek (Switz) bt M Knowles (Bah) 7-5, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: S Graf (Ger) br K Po (US) 6-1, 2-0, ret; A Huber (Ger) bt L Meskhi (Geo) 6-1, 6-3, B Rittner (Ger) bt F Bonsignori (It) 6-0, 6-0; C Kuhlman (US) bt K Kschwendt (Ger) 6-4, 6-1; J Halard (Fr) bt k Guse (Aus) 6-0, 6-2; G Helgason (US) bt V Martinek (Ger) 6-3, 6-2; A Coetzee (SA) bt P Bagerow (Ger) 6-1, 6-3; N Provis (Aus) bt C Wood (GB) 7-5, 6-4; R Simpson-Adler (Can) bt N Pratt (Aus) 6-3, 6-0; R Bobkova (Cz) bt C Papadaki (Gr) 6-1, 6-3; N Ercegovic (Cro) bt R White (US) 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

M Kochta (Ger) bt J Kruger (SA) 6-2, 4-6, 7-5; R Tedjakusuma (Indo) bt K Quentrec (Fr) 6-0, 6-4; S Hack (Ger) bt Z Garrison-Jackson 7-5 6-3; E Zardo (Switz) bt K Studenikova (Slovakia) 6-4, 7-5; M Endo (Japan) bt D Monami (Bel) 6-4, 6-3; L Davenport (US) bt P Hy (Can) 3-6, 6-2, 7-5; S Testud (Fr) bt M Grossi (It) 6-1, 6-3; Y Basuki (Indo) bt N Tauziat (Fr) 6-4, 7-6; E Likhovtseva (Kaz) bt R de los Rios (Par) 6-2, 6-2; C Singer (Ger) bt I Spirlea (Rom) 6-2, 6-4, T Austin (US) bt E Reinach (SA) 6-1, 7-5.

C Rubin (US) bt K Maleeva (Bul) 6-4, 6-0; H Kelesi (Can) bt S Fanna (It) 6-1, 6-1; Y Kamio (Japan) bt L McShea (Aus) 6-1, 6-3; L Ferrando (It) bt J Watanabe (US) 6-4, 6-3; T Whitlinger (US) bt M-J Gaidano (Arg) 6-3, 6-2; C Cristea (Rom) bt J Limmer (Aus) 7-5, 6-3; P Tarabini (Arg) bt A Gavaldon (US) 6-4, 7-6; L Harvey-Wild (US) bt S Dopler (Austria) 6-3, 6-2; M Maleeva-Fragnière (Switz) bt L Golarsa (It) 6-0, 6-3; H Sukova (Cz) bt J Byrne (Aus) 6-7, 7-6, 6-2.

Montana takes another step to Super Bowl



Montana: inspiring

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

TWO most-valuable players from previous Super Bowls, Joe Montana, of the Kansas City Chiefs, and Troy Aikman, of the Dallas Cowboys, directed play-off victories on Sunday that put their clubs one win away from Super Bowl XXVIII.

Montana, who led the San Francisco 49ers to four wins in the National Football League final, generated 28 points in the second half and his colleagues on defence played superbly to forge a 28-20 decision over the Houston Oilers in the American Football Conference (AFC).

Aikman threw for 302 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Cowboys, the champions, to a 27-17 victory over Green Bay in the National Football Conference (NFC).

At Houston, Montana fired three touchdown passes after half-time, including two in 54 seconds in the fourth quarter, as the Chiefs fought back from a 10-0 deficit. Houston scored in the first half on Gary Brown's two-yard run and a 49-yard field goal by Al Del Greco.

"We felt if we just plugged at it and plugged at it, we could do it," Montana, in his first season with the Chiefs, said. He completed 22 of 38 passes for 299 yards. His counterpart, Warren Moon, was 32 of 43 for 306 yards.

Kansas City, who rallied to defeat Pittsburgh in an AFC wild-card game the previous weekend, will play away to the Buffalo Bills on Sunday for the AFC title and the right to advance to the Super Bowl in Atlanta on January 30.

Kansas City, who last appeared in the Super Bowl in 1970, when they beat Minnesota, stopped the longest winning sequence in Houston history at 11. The Chiefs countered the Oilers' renowned defence with excellent defence of their own, sacking Moon nine times to equal a play-off record.

Montana brought his attack to life with a seven-yard touchdown toss to Keith Cash with ten minutes to play in the third quarter. Then, with quick strikes, Kansas City decided matters in the fourth quarter.

Aided by a 38-yard interference penalty against Chris Dishman, of Houston, the Chiefs moved 71 yards in 59 seconds, with Montana throwing an 11-yard touchdown pass to J. J. Birden to nudge Kansas City in front with eight minutes left.

On the first play after the ensuing kick-off, Moon fumbled while being sacked and Kansas City took over on the Houston 12-yard line. After losing six yards on two plays, Montana hit Willie Davis for a score from the 18, Davis making the catch while snatching the ball from Dishman.

Houston stormed back and drew within one point on a six-yard Moon-to-Earnest Givens pass in the final four minutes but Kansas City responded. Montana drove them 20 yards and, on third-and-two from the Houston 21-yard line, Marcus Allen sprinted through a gap on the left side and settled matters with a touchdown.

In Dallas, the Cowboys scored 24 unanswered points, including ten in an 18-second span of the second quarter, to finish off the Packers. Dallas will host the high-scoring 49ers on Sunday in a rematch of the NFC final played last year, which the Cowboys won 30-20. San Francisco earned their chance with a 44-3 rout of the New York Giants on Saturday.

The Cowboys will be aiming for their second consecutive Super Bowl and seventh overall. Aikman completed 28 of 37 passes for 302 yards, all personal bests for play-off games. Emmitt Smith, the top-ranked Dallas running back, sat out much of the second half after aggravating the shoulder separation he sustained two weeks ago but he is expected to be ready for San Francisco.

The Bills held off the Los Angeles Raiders 29-23 in frigid weather to keep alive their hopes of a fourth successive Super Bowl.

RESULTS: Buffalo 29 Los Angeles Raiders 23; San Francisco 44 New York Giants 3; Dallas 27 Green Bay 17; Kansas City 28 Houston 20.

FIXTURES: Conference finals: Sunday: Kansas City at Buffalo; San Francisco at Dallas. Super Bowl XXVIII: Jan 30: at Georgia Dome, Atlanta.

Nicol can achieve first for Scotland

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

THE advance of Peter Nicol, of Scotland, to meet Peter Marshall, the England No 1, in tonight's men's final of the RSA national squash championships at Herts County Club, in Welwyn Garden City, offers the best British prospects in the history of the event with an outside chance of a first Scottish win.

Not since Mark Maclean lost to Bryan Beeson, of Northumbria, in the 1986 final in have Scotland had more than a passing interest in the British title, and not since the last final between Philip Kenyon, of Lancashire, and Gawain Briars, of Norfolk, a year earlier has there been such a genuine world class match.

Marshall, an extraordinary double-handed 22-year-old, from Nottingham, is already ranked fifth in the world and determined to reclaim the British title he won in Manchester two years ago. He drove steadily through Stephen Meads, of Berkshire, in Saturday's quarter-finals and Tony Hands, of Essex, in the semi-finals without dropping a game over nearly three hours of exhaustive rallying.

Nicol, at 20, is a more classic product of a stern Inverurie background. He skilfully removed the defending English champion, Philip Whitlock, in the quarter-finals on Saturday, then overwhelmed Jason Nicolle in their 63-minute semi-final 9-5, 10-9, 9-0.

The left-handed Nicol burst upon the senior scene in May 1992 with a stunning five-set win over Nicolle which sealed Scotland's first win in the European team championship. Since then he has taken the Scottish championship, won on 20 successive occasions when representing his country and shot to No 14 on the world ranking list.

So focused was Nicol in the semi-final in Welwyn that, once he had absorbed Nicolle's best attacks in the first two games, he strode through the final game in just three minutes.

The women's final last night was contested between Suzanne Horner, of Yorkshire, the top seed, who has been a runner-up in these championships four times, and Kent's Sue Wright, the 1992 British champion.

Clubs face limited registration

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

FEARS among Rugby Football Union (RFU) officials that their leading clubs were registering too many players for competitive rugby found their echo yesterday when the Senior Clubs' Association (SCA) proposed a limit of 40 players be introduced next season.

The SCA, whose executive met last week, produced figures to show that the the present average was over 100 players, with one club registering 175. It is the result of the introduction this season of a home-and-away league programme that has led clubs to insure they always have sufficient players available by overstocking their membership books, but many clubs will feel that 40 is too few.

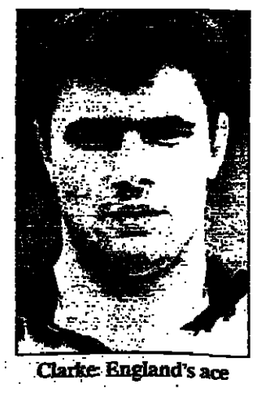
Neil Hannah, the chairman of the SCA, said: "Some clubs are registering all their members. Our scheme would give a player around third-team level more control over their movements." The 40 clubs which comprise the four national divisions of the Courage Clubs Championship will receive the SCA discussion document for consideration before a meeting of the association's executive on February 17.

However, Jamie Salmon, the manager of Harlequins who had 62 registered players at the start of the year and has subsequently deleted eight, said that 40 left clubs with too low a base. "You must have five props, three hookers and three scrum halves," Salmon said. "That leaves only 29 for the other ten positions." Both the RFU and the SCA have been concerned that potential first-team players have been marginalised and their development thereby retarded.

Meanwhile, England can luxuriate in the problem of who to choose from a strong hand of back-row forwards — Ben Clarke, Tim Rodber, John Hall and Neil Back — now that they will be without Dean Richards, who is injured, for the game against Scotland on February 5, while the Scots ponder their limited options. The countries will name their sides on January 30, with Geoff Cooke, the England manager, underlining Scotland's problem. "They made a lot of changes against New Zealand, they didn't perform, and they made further changes against Wales," he said. "Should they now stick with what they've got or make even more changes?"

Having thrown down their five-nations' gauntlet by beating Ireland 35-15, France can stand back and watch the four home unions do battle on February 5. There will doubtless by a French presence in Dublin to see whether the Welsh revival can last more than one match, as it notably failed to do last season, because it is to Cardiff on February 19 that France must go for their next outing.

The Irish selectors still intend to name on Sunday their team to play Wales and hope that Denis McBride, the Bangor flanker, will turn out in a league match this weekend so they can evaluate his fitness after injury; that is not to say that Ken O'Connell performed poorly on the open side against France, rather a possible adjustment elsewhere.



Clarke: England's ace

The weaknesses displayed in Paris were, to a large degree, those the Irish management knew about. "I have talked to the forwards about body positions," Gerry Murphy, the coach, said, "but against France they were far too high. It doesn't come as a surprise, though, because that is what we see week after week in club rugby."

If the Irish are to introduce new blood, Dublin on February 5 may be the place and the time to do so against a Welsh team which will inevitably show one change from that which beat Scotland 29-6. Nigel Walker, the Cardiff wing, must rest the statutory three weeks after a concussion, which leaves a place free for, perhaps, Wayne Proctor, of Llanelli.

Mike Harrison, the Wakefield and Yorkshire wing who was captain of England when Cooke took up his post in 1987, has joined the RFU's management ranks himself. He will manage the England emerging players against Spain on February 6 and against South Africa B on March 15, taking the place vacated by Paul Ackford when the former lock opted for a journalistic career.

Wigan open defence against Wakefield

HOWEVER tempting, talk of Wigan ending their seven-year rugby league Challenge Cup domination is probably in vain. The road to Wembley has occasionally been bumpy but the Lancashire club's domination of the sport's most cherished prize since 1988 is unlikely to be troubled by an opening home encounter with Wakefield Trinity on Sunday week. Wigan last lost in the Silk Cut competition to Oldham in February 1987 — 31 ties ago. The pick of three other all-first division matches in the fourth round is between Halifax, in fifth place, and Warrington, the first division leaders. Salford should cause Castleford problems on present form, although Sheffield Eagles should find few difficulties against Leigh.

FOURTH ROUND: Barrow v Bradford Northern; Batley v Keighley; Bramley v Widnes; Carlisle v Workington Town; Castleford v Salford; Doncaster v Dewsbury; Halifax v Warrington; Highfield v Whitehaven; Huddersfield v St Helens; Hull Kingston Rovers v Ryedale York; Hunslet v Oldham; London Crusaders v Featherstone Rovers; Rochdale Hornets v Leeds; Sheffield Eagles v Leigh; Swinton v Hull; Wigan v Wakefield Trinity. *Ties to be played on weekend of January 29 and 30*

Wiberg shares win

SKIING: Pernilla Wiberg, of Sweden, the World Cup leader, and Alenka Dovzan, an unknown Slovenian, shared a rare tie in a remarkable super-giant slalom at Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy, yesterday. Just 0.07sec separated the first four finishers. Dovzan, 17, negotiated the Olimpia delle Tofane piste superbly, from start No 29, and made up ground on the final stretch to match Wiberg's time of 1min 20.64sec. Both skiers take the maximum 100 points. Ulrike Maier, of Austria, twice world champion in the discipline, was pushed down to third place, finishing 0.04sec behind the joint winners, while Katja Seizinger, of Germany, was fourth.

Tout leads the way

BOBSLEIGHING: Mark Tout has been confirmed as Great Britain's No 1 driver for the two-man and four-man competitions at the Winter Olympic Games in Norway next month after winning both events at the British championships over the weekend. Lenny Paul, the fourth-ranked 100 metres sprinter in Britain last summer, will be Tout's brakeman in the two-man event, with George Farrell and Jason Wing making up his four-man crew.

BRITISH TEAMS: Two-man: M Tout and L Paul; S Olsson and P Field; R Pope and E Selewior. Four-man: M Tout, G Farrell, J Wing and L Paul; S Olsson, D Ward, J Herbert and P Field; R Pope, V Bramble, C Symmonds and E Selewior.

Breathless in Bogota

CYCLING: It was confirmed yesterday that Britain's qualification for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta will be determined by results achieved at the world championships in Bogota, Colombia, the previous year. However, fears have already been expressed about the altitude of 6,000ft in Bogota compared to the sea-level conditions of Atlanta. Doug Dailey, the Britain national coach, said: "A lot of work has gone into producing the formula and, for that, the world governing body is to be congratulated, but Bogota is clearly the wrong venue for the world title races."

Kirsten to play on

CRICKET: Peter Kirsten, the 38-year-old South Africa batsman, is prepared to ignore a fractured left cheekbone and play in the World Series finals if his team qualifies. Kirsten was hit in the face by a bouncer from Glenn McGrath, the Australia fast bowler, during South Africa's 82-run win in Perth on Sunday. Kirsten said he hoped to be available for the opening match in the best-of-three finals series on Friday if South Africa qualify ahead of New Zealand, who need to beat Australia in the final match of the qualifying competition tomorrow.

Kent family double

RIFLE SHOOTING: The Fairfield Great Britain rifle team is to have a husband-and-wife combination following the selection of Sarah Kent, the wife of Paul Kent, of Surrey, who was already in the team. The other newcomers announced yesterday by Colin Cheshire, the team captain, are Jeremy Langley and John Pugsley, both from Devon. The team's winning score of 1,941 points in the Commonwealth team championship last week, and Jane Messer's individual score of 199 out of 200, have been recognised as new records over 300, 600, 900 and 1,000 yards.

England lodge protest

TABLE TENNIS: The English Table Tennis Association has protested to Sweden about the team selected for the European League match against France tonight, the outcome of which will decide whether or not England qualify for the final next month. Sweden originally omitted Asa and Marie Svensson, their leading players, in order to give Barbro Wiktorsson and Sonia Carlsson experience. However, following the protest, Sweden have said both the Svenssons will play. If Sweden fail to beat France, Holland will reach the final instead of England.

Beach pair prosper

BEACH VOLLEYBALL: Andrey Cooper and Amanda Glover, of England, have reached the last ten in the second tournament of the world series championships in Miami and, almost certainly, earned a full world ranking. Their hopes of qualifying for the 1996 Olympic Games, which were slender when the pair joined forces three months ago, have also risen. Marzena Bogdanovicz, their manager, said: "It is a major achievement. They have proved that they are worthy of a world ranking and it is a credit to them for all the effort and preparation they have put in."

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) °C	Last snow
AUSTRIA							
Mayrhofen	0	60	fair	varied	closed	snow 0	17/1
	(Light covering of new snow on a hard base)						
Obergurgl	70	120	good	good	good	sun -10	14/1
	(Excellent skiing on squeaky snow)						
Schladming	40	125	good	heavy	wom	cloud -4	14/1
	(Lower slopes now better but still icy)						
Söll	20	70	good	varied	icy	snow -1	17/1
	(Piste conditions improving with fresh snow)						
St Anton	50	210	good	powder	good	snow -3	17/1
	(Good snow cover on all runs)						
FRANCE							
Alpe d'Huez	130	220	good	varied	good	fine -5	16/1
	(All pistes in excellent condition)						
Avoriaz	150	190	good	powder	good	fair -4	17/1
	(Perfect snow conditions on piste)						
Isola	200	300	good	powder	good	snow -5	17/1
	(Fantastic soft snow skiing on all pistes)						
La Plagne	150	310	good	varied	good	cloud -5	17/1
	(Excellent snow on all runs)						
Val d'Isère	118	320	good	powder	good	sun -3	15/1
	(Great skiing with a lot of untracked powder)						
SWITZERLAND							
Arosa	75	80	good	powder	good	snow -2	17/1
	(Powder snow on all pistes)						
Grindelwald	10	80	good	powder	wom	snow -1	17/1
	(Excellent skiing in fresh powder above 1,800m)						
Gstaad	20	65	good	powder	fair	snow -3	17/1
	(Superb skiing in all areas thanks to fresh snow)						
Villars	40	140	good	powder	good	snow -3	17/1
	(Wonderful skiing conditions with fresh snow)						
Wengen	30	50	good	powder	good	snow -3	17/1
	(Snow falling all day, much colder)						

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

BBC 1

6.00 **Business Breakfast** (71383)
7.00 **BBC Breakfast News** with Nicholas Witchell and Jill Dando (89225963)
9.05 **Kilroy**. Topical debate (s) (4234760)
9.45 **Newshound** (s) (1491925)
10.00 **News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9699654) 10.05 **Playdays** (s) (5748963)
10.30 **Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick**. Weekday magazine programme (61465876)
12.15 **Pebble Mill** with Judi Spiers (s) (4015234) 12.55 **Regional news** and weather (67230234)
1.00 **One O'Clock News** (Ceefax) Weather (39596)
1.30 **Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (13256963) 1.50 **XYZ**. Quiz (13267079)
2.15 **Columbo: Make Me a Perfect Murder**. The dishevelled detective searches for clues when the boss and the lover of a ruthless television executive is found dead (r) (553708)
3.50 **Teddy Trucks** (s) (2078505) 3.55 **Sick as a Parrot**. Crossword puzzle (s) (7175383) 4.10 **Jackanory: Worry Warts** (2 of 3) (1384470) 4.25 **SuperTed** (r) (9960437) 4.35 **Hangar 17** (Ceefax) (s) (9280031) 5.00 **Newsround** (4919383) 5.10 **Grange Hill**. Drama series set in a secondary school. (Ceefax) (s) (1324708)
5.35 **Neighbours** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (321302)
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Martyn Lewis and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (401)
6.30 **Regional news magazines** (383). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 **Holiday** presented by Jill Dando from Washington DC. Desmond Lynam travels to the west coast of Ireland, Paul Gogarty reports from Kenya and Sankha Guha visits Slovenia. (Ceefax) (s) (3031)
7.30 **EastEnders**. (Ceefax) (s) (895)

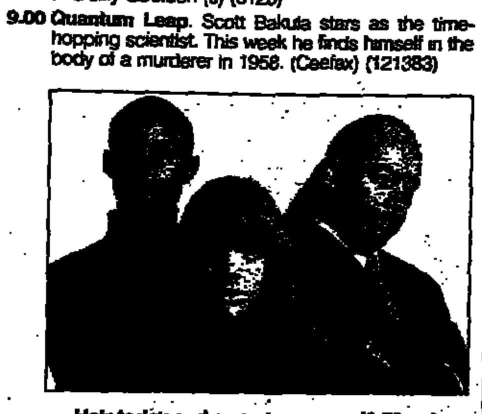


Maria McDermottroe as Margaret Best (8.00pm)

8.00 **Against All Odds** (Ceefax) (406925)
8.50 **TV Heroes**. Danny Baker presents a profile of the former *Blue Peter* presenter, Peter Purves. (Ceefax) (s) (238234)
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Peter Sissons. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (1654)
9.30 **All Quiet on the Preston Front**. Comedy series following the exploits of a group of part-time soldiers in the Territorial Army. (Ceefax) (s) (471031). **Wales:** Week In Week Out 10.00 All Quiet on the Preston Front 10.50 Living with the Enemy 11.20-1.00am The Breakfast Club
10.20 **Living with the Enemy: Sex**. The conflicts between parents and their adolescent offspring. A 15-year-old girl tells of the difficulties she faces as the daughter of a policeman (175692). **Northern Ireland:** The Hungry Eye 10.50 Living with the Enemy 11.20-1.00am Film: The Breakfast Club
10.50 **FILM: The Breakfast Club** (1985) starring Emilio Estevez. Five high school students discover true friendship while spending one Saturday in detention. Directed by John Hughes. (Ceefax) (17656692)
12.25am **Weather** (8501242). Ends at **12.30**
2.45 **BBC Select**: Executive Business Club (44884) 3.15 Legal Network Television (41797). Ends at **3.45**

BBC2

8.00 **Breakfast News** (Ceefax) (2125893)
8.15 **Westminster Daily** (9777437)
9.05 **Daytime on Two**. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, 1.20 Puppydog Tales (74922321) 1.25 Just So Stories: How the Rhinoceros Got His Skin (44768789) 1.35-1.40 Rupert the Bear (98249963)
2.00 **News** (Ceefax) Weather. **You and Me** (62469925) 2.15 **Past and Present Preserved**. The Dutch flood control project, the Delta Plan (r) (91941578) 2.30 **See Hear!** With signing and subtitles (r) (s) (944)
3.00 **News** (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster Live** presented by John Cole and Iain Macwhirter. (Ceefax) (4932437) 3.50 **News** (Ceefax) Weather, regional news and weather (7336944)
4.00 **Today's the Day**. Quiz programme presented by Martyn Lewis (s) (296)
4.30 **People of the Valley**. Meira attempts to discover Llew's dark secret. In Welsh with English subtitles (s) (708). **Wales:** Pride of Place
5.00 **Catchword**. Paul Coia with another round of the word game (s) (1437)
5.30 **Film 94 with Barry Norman** (r) (s) (760)
6.00 **FILM: Grey Lady Down** (1978) starring Charlton Heston as the captain of a nuclear submarine that collides with a freighter and is left teetering on the edge of an underwater ridge. Directed by David Greene. (Ceefax) (68973988)
7.45 **Assignment: Enter the Dragon**. Brian Barron reports on how the Chinese leadership is threatening to reclaim Hong Kong before 1997 and asks are Governor Patten's reforms too little too late? (283876)
8.30 **Food and Drink**. Antonio Carluccio continues his travels through Southern Italy. Includes a guide to food processors. With Chris Kelly, Michael Barry and Jilly Goolden (s) (6128)
9.00 **Quantum Leap**. Scott Bakula stars as the time-hopping scientist. This week he finds himself in the body of a murderer in 1958. (Ceefax) (121383)



Hair today and gone tomorrow (9.50pm)

9.50 **40 Minutes: Heads and Tales**. (Ceefax) (497532)
10.30 **Newsnight** with Kirsty Wark. (Ceefax) (237079)
11.15 **The Late Show** (s) (745708) 11.55 **Weather**
12.00 **European Figure Skating Championships** introduced by Sue Barker from Copenhagen (80074)
12.30am **FILM: The Human Jungle** (1954, b/w) starring Gary Merrill as a police chief who is put in charge of a purge of the most notorious areas of a city. However the hoodlums fight back. Directed by Joseph M. Newman. Ends at **1.55** (696256)

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Against All Odds: Margaret's Story
BBC1, 8.00pm

The heroine of this drama documentary, and some heroine she is, fought a 24-year battle against the medical profession, the legal profession and an international drug company to secure justice for her handicapped son. Kenneth Best was born a normal baby but suffered chronic brain damage as a result of a defective batch of whooping cough vaccination. That, at least, is what Mrs Margaret Best (played by Maria McDermottroe) set out to prove. Doctors and lawyers were unhelpful and the drug company, the Wellcome Foundation, denied responsibility. Dramatised by Laura Lamson, *Against All Odds* salutes the extraordinary tenacity of an ordinary woman with no formal education and no financial resources.

40 Minutes: Heads and Tales
BBC2, 9.50pm

Among those appearing in Jane Stephenson's film, which hovers on the edge of pretentiousness but never quite tips over, are a social psychologist, a Jungian psychotherapist and a chap who admits to no medical qualifications but claims to have found a cure for baldness. The subject is hair and how seriously we take it. Going thin on top may be a well-known phobia among males but women seem to worry about their hair even more. Hence the elaborately constructed shampoo ads, here deconstructed by the follower of Jung. In Russia poor people cut off their hair and sell it. Some of these discarded locks find their way to a British hair merchant and presumably end up as wigs, or hairpieces as wearers prefer to call them.



Climbers conquer their disabilities (ITV, 10.40pm)

Network First: An Everest to Climb
ITV, 10.40pm

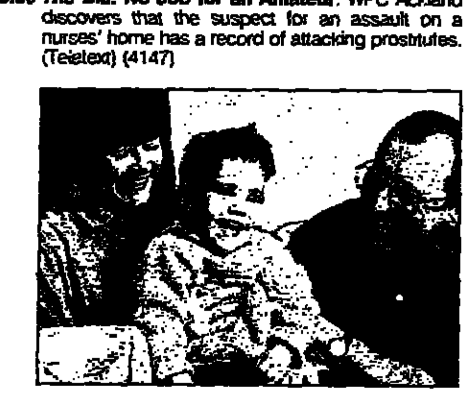
Seven disabled mountaineers tackle one of the highest peaks in the Himalayas. The Duchess of York, patron of the charity which organises the climb, goes with them. She admits to never having climbed a mountain before. It is even more of a challenge to the others, all of whom suffer from severe mental or physical handicaps. Two have spent most of their lives in mental hospitals. One suffers from multiple sclerosis and another from epilepsy. Their target is the 19,000-foot Polake Peak, the southern spur of the Everest horseshoe. The film celebrates courage and a refusal to be licked. It does so with superb photography and an admirable lack of sentimentality. Despite the sickness and exhaustion you desperately hope they make it.

Karachi Kops
Channel 4, 9.30pm

Tonight's visit to the Gulshan-e-Iqbal precinct is as good as an episode of *The Bill*, which is meant to be the highest praise. It has pace, rich characters and a dazzling economy of narrative. It also happens to be true. The cops are after a gang of car thieves. In Karachi the hijacking of vehicles at gunpoint has become an epidemic. The police pull in a quartet of suspects. Two other men have to be released for lack of evidence. They are grovellingly grateful: "Thank you, sir, may God give you a long life." A slippery villain called Salim sends the detectives up blind alleys. It is a lighter moment, for the viewer if not for the officers. But sounds of the prisoners being beaten up off-camera wipe away any smiles. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 **GMTV**
9.25 **Win, Lose or Draw**. Quiz game (s) (6781012) 9.55 **London Today** (5724383)
10.00 **The Time ... The Place** (s) (7006692)
10.35 **This Morning** (61459215) 12.20 **London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2269505)
12.30 **ITN Lunchtime News** (Teletext) Weather (1277050) 12.55 **Emmerdale** (r). (Teletext) (1252741) 1.25 **Home and Away** (Teletext) (94102942)
1.55 **It's a Vet's Life**. (Teletext) (13251418)
2.20 **A Country Practice** (s) (87157789) 2.50 **The Young Doctors**. Hospital drama (3465234)
3.20 **ITN News** headlines (7165692) 3.25 **London Today** (7164963)
3.30 **Rainbow** (7190692) 3.40 **Tots TV** (s) (7334586) 3.50 **Twinkle, the Dream Being** (7323470) 4.00 **Budgie the Little Helicopter** (1395586) 4.15 **Hurricanes**. Animation (s) (2243586) 4.40 **The Tomorrow People**. Time travelling drama with Kristian Schmid. (Teletext) (7993147)
5.10 **Home and Away** (r). (Teletext) (5367147)
5.40 **ITN Early Evening News** with John Suchet (Teletext) Weather (679586)
6.00 **London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (93895)
7.00 **Emmerdale**. (Teletext) (5499)
7.30 **Beam and Da Silva**. The investigators seek out the London landlords who are exploiting the housing benefit system (963)
8.00 **The Bill: No Job for an Amateur**. WPC Ackland discovers that the suspect for an assault on a nurses' home has a record of attacking prostitutes. (Teletext) (4147)



Jack Pegram was born prematurely (8.30pm)

8.30 **Special Babies**. The third of six programmes following the work of Watford General's special care baby unit. Two years ago Jack Pegram was born 15 weeks early, weighing 1lb 8oz. However, his parents are still waiting to take him home (3654)
9.00 **In Suspicious Circumstances**. Edward Woodward introduces tonight's stories which are: The Next Mrs Clements. The strange case of the doctor living in pre-war Southport who loved too many women. With Dudley Sutton and Geraldine James. Absence of Mercy. A tale of death in Victorian Stockport. With Julia Ford and Billy Hartman. (Teletext) (6215)
10.00 **News at Ten** with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (36012) 10.30 **London Tonight** (794499)
10.40 **Network First: An Everest to Climb** (694215)
11.40 **Prisoner: Cell Block H** (446050)
12.30am **The Beat**. Includes a review of Woody Allen's latest film *Manhattan Murder Mystery* (s) (56258)
1.30 **FILM: A Piano for Mrs Cimino** (1982) starring Bette Davis as a widow falsely diagnosed as senile, who goes to court to regain control of her life. Directed by George Schaefer (10364)
3.30 **America's Top Ten** (s) (86987)
4.00 **The Little Picture Show** (r) (58906)
5.00 **Cinema, Cinema, Cinema** (r) (22155)
5.30 **ITN Morning News** (85529). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 **Starcom**. Cartoon (r) (5527895)
7.00 **The Big Breakfast** (98499)
9.00 **You Bet Your Life**. Quiz show with Bill Cosby (r) (s) (53789)
9.30 **Schools**: Eureka! (1429708) 9.45 Stop, Look, Listen (1417963) 10.00 Fourways Farm (9606944) 10.10 Living with Technology (3469586) 10.27 Timelines (3880383) 10.44 Good Health (8832031) 11.00 Science in Focus (3430876) 11.22 Stage One (6976925) 11.40 How We Used to Live (5243944)
12.00 **House to House**. Political news with Maya Even (33925)
12.30 **Sesame Street**. Early-learning series with special guest Julia Roberts (13876)
1.30 **Alfred J. Kwak**. Animation (s) (82789)
2.00 **FILM: Land without Music** (1936, b/w) starring Richard Tauber as an operatic tenor who leads a rebellion when the ruler of a small European state outlaws music because she believes it is making her subjects lazy. Directed by Walter Forde (18437)
3.30 **Profiles of Nature**. Walter and Myrna Berlet's film capturing the feeding techniques and courting rituals of the roseate spoonbill, a large pink waterbird found in the West Indies and central and south America (1197876)
3.55 **A Brush with Art** with Alwyn Crawshaw (r). (Teletext) (4637128)
4.30 **Countdown**. (Teletext) (s) (876)
5.00 **Oprah Winfrey Show**. America's favourite agony aunt shows off her new slimline figure and her fiancé Stedman Graham. (Teletext) (s) (4334499) 5.50 **Laurel and Hardy** (r) (310437)
6.00 **Batman**. The caped crusader and his trusty sidekick battle with the Penguin (741)
6.30 **Gamesmaster**. Dexter Fletcher and Patrick Moore with tips and reviews of computer games (321)
7.00 **Channel 4 News**. (Teletext) (834383) 7.50 **Comment** (Teletext) (460073)
8.00 **Grow Your Greens**. (Teletext) (r) (2789)
8.30 **Wild Britain: Valley Beneath the Sea**. A new series on the mixed fortunes of Britain's wildlife. The first programme follows the River Fal, from its source high on the Cornish moors to the sea, encountering a strange breed of cuttlefish and a curious fish that can change sex. (Teletext) (1296)



Setting a trap for the badger hunters (9.00pm)

9.00 **Undercover Britain: The Killing Set**. Graham Hall goes undercover to expose those who illegally hunt and kill badgers. (Teletext) (7692)
9.30 **Karachi Kops** (Teletext) (63654)
10.00 **FILM: Attack!** (1956, b/w). Shown to mark the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. Jack Palance stars as an army officer who vows to kill the man whose cowardly actions are responsible for the deaths of some of his men. Directed by Robert Aldrich (8944)
12.00 **Football Italia – Mezzanotte**. Highlights of Lecce v Parma (6241109)
1.05am **Live at Ronnie Scott's**. The late trumpet player Chet Baker in performance with Van Morrison and Elvis Costello (r) (4400682) Ends at **2.10**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Bruno Brookes (FM only) 7.00 Steve Wright in the Morning 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Emma Freud with the Lunchtime Show, including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Goodier in the Afternoon 4.00 Nicky Campbell with Drivetime, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 The Story of Pop (2/52) 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00-4.00am Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Behind the Hits 7.30 Hayes Over Britain 9.00 The Lost World of Fraser-Simson: See Choice 10.00 American Greats: Chris Stuart talks to Neil Sedaka 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden with Night Ride 3.00-6.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service 6.30 Morning Edition 9.00 Schools: Infant Science: See for Yourself; 9.10 Radio Numbertime; 9.20 First Steps in Drama; 9.35 Wordplay; 9.45 Singing Together; 10.05 Time to Move 10.25 Johnnie Walker with the AM Alternative 12.30pm A Century Remembered: 1930-40 (r) 1.10 The Crunch 2.30 BFBS Worldwide 4.05 John Inverdale's Drive-In 6.30 Kiss Me Quick 7.15 The Sword in the Stone (2/10) 7.30 Football Plus 10.10 Earshot 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 News and Press Review in German 5.00 Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen 5.30 Europe Today 6.00 World News 6.10 British News 6.15 The World Today 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 New Ideas 7.50 And Then He Kissed Me 8.00 World News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Concert Hall 9.00 World News 9.05 World Business Report Special 9.15 Bright Moon of the Seasons 9.30 On Screen 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Discovery 10.30 The Story of Western Music 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin Noon World News 12.10pm Words of Faith 12.15 Multitrack 1 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 Newshour 2.00 World News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Off the Shelf: *Stories of Mystery* 2.45 Sharp Talents 3.00 World News 3.15 A Jolly Good Show 4.00 World News 4.10 British News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 World News 5.05 World Business Report 5.15 BBC English 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 Nachrichten 7.05 Kaleidoskop 8.00 World News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 The World Today 8.30 Europe Today 9.00 Newshour 10.00 World News 10.10 British News 10.15 Megamix 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.05 World Business Report 11.15 Concert Hall Midnight Newsdesk 12.30am Omnibus 1.00 News 1.05 Outlook 1.30 Science or Fiction? 1.45 Country Style 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Development '94 3.00 News 3.15 Sport 3.30 Discovery 4.00 News 4.15 Waveguide 4.25 Book Choice

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto. Vivaldi (Bassoon Concerto in A minor) 3.00 Petroc Trelawny 5.00 Margaret Howard 7.00 The Opera Guide 8.00 Evening Concert: Strauss (Champagne Polka); Anon (Lauds for the Feast of St Columba); Prokofiev (The Love for Three Oranges); Walton (Belshazzar's Feast) 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00-6.00am Jane Jones

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono 10.00 Richard Skinner 1.00pm Graham Dene 4.00 Tommy Vance 7.00 Mitch Johnson 10.00 Nick Abbot 2.00am Paul Coyte

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (5724383) 12.20pm-12.30 Anglia News and Weather (2269505) 1.55 A Country Practice (13251418) 2.20-2.50 It's a Vet's Life (87157789) 3.25-3.30 Anglia News and Weather (7164963) 5.10-5.40 Swot or Wot? (5367147) 6.00 Home and Away (683895) 6.25-7.00 Anglia Weather and Anglia News (137073) 7.30-8.00 Food Guide (983) 10.30-10.40 Anglia News and Weather (794499) 12.35am Passions (139364) 2.20 The Little Picture Show (7771616) 3.20 ITV Chart Show (4065277) 4.15 Jobfinder (2299398) 5.05-5.30 Videofashion (9671744)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (5724383) 12.20pm-12.30 Central News and Weather (2269505) 1.55 Shortland Street (13251418) 2.20 It's a Vet's Life (87157789) 2.50-3.20 A Country Practice (3465234) 3.25-3.30 Central News (7164963) 5.10-5.40 Swot or Wot? (5367147) 6.00 Home and Away (683895) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (137073) 7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (963) 10.30-10.40 Central News and Weather (794499) 11.40 The Equalizer (610586) 12.40am Grapevine (8683890) 1.10 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8101109) 1.35 The Big E (5548451) 2.30 Rivers (7603428) 2.55 The Beat (4473722) 3.55 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (13251418) 2.20-2.50 It's a Vet's Life (87157789) 6.00 HTV News (499) 6.30-7.00 Animal Country (609) 7.30-8.00 Good Health! (963) 10.30-10.40 HTV West News and Weather (794499) 12.35am Passions (139364) 2.20 The Little Picture Show (7771616) 3.20 ITV Chart Show (4065277) 4.15 Jobfinder (2299398) 5.05-5.30 Videofashion (9671744)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00-6.30 Wales at Six (499) 7.30-8.00 On the Road with Elinor (963)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (13251418) 2.20 It's a Vet's Life (87157789) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (3465234) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (499) 6.30-7.00 Surprise Chefs (609) 7.30-8.00 Charlie Bravo (963)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Tyne Tees News and Weather (5724383) 12.20pm Tyne Tees News and Weather / Bilsdale: Network North (2245925) 12.25-12.30 Lookaround (2244296) 1.55 A Country Practice (13251418) 2.20-2.50 It's a Vet's Life (87157789) 3.15-3.20 Crusader Rabbit (7175079) 3.25-3.30 Tyne Tees News / Bilsdale: Network North (7164963) 5.55 Tyne Tees Today / Network North (831186) 6.30-7.00 Cross Wits (609) 7.30-8.00 Lives in Focus (963) 10.30-10.40 Tyne Tees News and Weather (794499) 11.40 A Town Called Bastard (448234) 1.25am The Little Picture Show (4307890) 2.25 Sledge Hammer (6599890) 2.55 Sport AM (4473722) 3.55 Stage Two: Little Angels (2757258) 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder (2632242)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry Latest (5724383) 12.20pm-12.30 Westcountry Latest (2269505) 1.55 The Young Doctors (26821944) 2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (9193437) 3.25-3.30 Westcountry Latest (7164963) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (93895) 7.30-8.00 Roadrunner (963) 10.30-10.40 Westcountry Latest (794499) 12.30am My Story (4025703) 12.35 Passions (139364) 2.20 The Little Picture Show (7771616) 3.20 ITV Chart Show (4065277) 4.15 Jobfinder (2299398) 5.05-5.30 Videofashion (9671744)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (5724383) 12.20pm-12.30 Yorkshire: Calendar News and Weather / Bilsdale: Network North (2269505) 1.55 A Country Practice (13251418) 2.20-2.50 It's a Vet's Life (87157789) 3.15-3.20 Crusader Rabbit (7175079) 3.25-3.30 Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bilsdale: Network North (7164963) 5.55 Calendar / Network North (831186) 6.30-7.00 Cross Wits (609) 7.30-8.00 Love and War (963) 10.30-10.40 Calendar News and Weather (794499) 11.40 A Town Called Bastard (448234) 1.25am The Little Picture Show (4307890) 2.25 Sledge Hammer (6599890) 2.55 Sport AM (4473722) 3.55 Stage Two: Little Angels (2757258) 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder (2632242)

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RADIO 3

6.55am **News 7.00 On Air**, with Andrew McGregor. William Lawes (Consort Sett à 5); Elgar (Overture, Froissart); Milhaud (Chamber Symphony No 2, Pastorale); Dukas (The Sorcerer's Apprentice); Mendelssohn (Song without Words in C minor, Book 3, No 2); Vaughan Williams (Concerto Grosso)
9.00 **Composer of the Week**: Bartók (Rhapsody No 2; String Quartet No 2; Contrasts)
10.10 **Musical Encounters**: Artist of the Week: Margaret Price, soprano, sings Ravel (Shéhérazade); Berlioz (Rêverie et caprice); Debussy (Trois poèmes de Stéphane Mallarmé); Liszt (Mignons Lied); Ravel (Piano Concerto for the Left Hand)
12.00 **Music Restored**: Handel (Olinto, il Tebro, Gloria) (r)
1.00pm **News 1.05 The BBC Orchestras**: BBC Scottish SO under Jacek Kaspszyk performs Beethoven (Overture, King Stephen); Bartók (Violin Concerto No 2); Beethoven (Symphony No 6 in F, Pastoral)
2.45 **Book, Music and Lyrics**: Nothing is Impossible — Gower Champion and Bob Fosse. Robert Cushman presents a personal view of musicals (4/6) (r)
3.35 **The BBC Orchestras**: BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Nicholas Cleobury, performs Jacob Druckman (Brangle); John Corigliano (Oboe Concerto); William Schuman (Symphony No 6)
5.00 **The Music Machine**: Tommy Pearson discovers what makes music sad, and talks to visual artist Nigel Rolfe about the tradition of the Irish lament
5.15 **In Tune**: Joachim (Overture, In Memoriam Heinrich Kleist); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 9 in E flat, K271); Poulenc (Sextet for piano and wind)
7.25 **The Two Widows**: English National Opera Chorus and Orchestra under Adam Fischer perform Act 1 of Smetana's comic opera, sung in an English translation by David Pountney. With Marie McLaughlin and Anne-Marie Owens. 8.30 James Naughtie talks to David Pountney, the director of this evening's production. 8.50 Act 2
9.50 **Figures in the Margin**: Rachmaninov-on Sea. An irreverent look at the British musical renaissance by Stephen Banfield
10.05 **A Serenade and a Sonata**: Lowri Blake, cello, Caroline Palmer, piano, perform Henze (Serenade for solo cello); Carter (Cello Sonata)
10.45 **Night Waves**: Harriet Gilbert presents a discussion on Vietnam in film and fiction
11.30 **The BBC Orchestras**: BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes performs Rimsky-Korsakov (Capriccio espagnol); Myaskovsky (Symphony No 5, Op 18)
12.30-12.35am **News 1.00-2.25 Night School** (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)
2.30-3.00 **Night School Extra**

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News 9.05 Call Nick Ross**: 071-580 4444
10.00-10.30 **John Cole's English Journey** (FM only): Coventry. John Cole retraces J.B. Priestley's journey through 1930s England
10.00 **News; Daily Service** (LW only)
10.15 **The Bible** (LW only): Mark. Sixth of seven episodes
10.30 **Woman's Hour** (LW only): Naomi Wolf tells Jenni Murray how women can become winners in the 21st century; plus, how to make Irish brown soda bread. Incl 11.00 **News**
11.30 **Medicine Now**
12.00 **News; You and Yours**, with John Howard
12.25pm **The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C. Potter**, by Basil Boothroyd (r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One**
1.40 **The Archers** 1.55 Shipping
2.00 **News; Thirty Minute Theatre**: Mossy. See Choice
2.30 **Mirrored in Music**: The cellist and conductor Heinrich Schiff chooses music which reflects the character and spirit of his native Austria
3.00-4.00 **News; Prime Minister's Questions** (LW only)
3.00 **Ad Lib** (FM only): Robert Robinson meets five astrologers in Bath (r)
3.30 **The Parts** (FM only) (r)
4.00 **News 4.05 Kaleidoscope**: Oliver Stone on his new film, *Heaven and Earth*; and Michael Crichton discusses his novel, *Disclosure*
4.45 **Short Story**: The Soft Voice of the Serpent, by Nadine Gordimer. Read by Eileen McCallum
5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **The House**: Julian Glover stars in Christopher Lee's political drama (2/6) (r)
7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers**
7.20 **Snakes! Sacred and Profane**. What is it about snakes that stirs the deepest recesses of the human psyche?
8.00 **Science Now** (r)
8.30 **Fit-Ups, Portables and Basket Cases**: Charles Simon, the final Dr Dale, remembers the golden days of seaside song plugging
8.45 **In Touch**: For people with a visual handicap
9.15 **Kaleidoscope** (r)
9.45 **The Financial World Tonight** 9.58 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight**
10.45 **Book at Bedtime**: A Better Class of Person, John Osborne's first first volume of autobiography, covering the period from 1929 to 1956. Read by Peter Egan (2/10)
11.00 **Mediumwave** (r)
11.30 **Today in Parliament**
12.00-12.43am **News**, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Thirty-Minute Theatre: Mossy. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*
There is an excellent reason — but I am not saying what it is — why Mary Rigans should play two roles in Audrey Evans's short, sharp drama. She is the unloved and unloving schoolmistress as well as the little lad who shares her last hour before she goes into retirement. Both teacher and pupil are in hiding — she from farewell drinks and handshakes, he from his monstrous father. I had to keep referring to *Radio Times* for confirmation that both roles really *are* played by one actress.

The Lost World of Fraser-Simson. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*
Harold Fraser-Simson is one of the forgotten men of British light music, and this feature by Adrian Edwards is a commendable attempt *to put that right*. If his name means anything at all to you, and it probably does not, it could well be because of his settings of A.A. Milne's "They're Changing Guard at Buckingham Palace" and "Halfway Down the Stairs", and because of the music he wrote for the long-running West End musical, *The Maid of the Mountains*, which brought stardom to José Collins. **Peter Davalle**

Susannah Simons
CLASSIC DISCUSSIONS.
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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (89958708) 8.40 Lamb Chops (7164321) 9.10 Cartoons (2866857) 9.30 Card Sharks (9711296) 9.55 Concentration (9729215) 10.25 Dynamo Duck (6941470) 10.30 Love at First Sight (93321) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (48418) 12.00 Urban Peasant (84673) 12.30pm Paradise Beach (32708) 1.00 Barnaby Jones (20983) 2.00 King (14963) 3.00 Another World (6570895) 3.45 DJ Kat (2163302) 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (6760) 6.00 Games World (2673) 6.30 Paradise Beach (3925) 7.00 M*A*S*H (4789) 7.30 Rescue (2437) 8.00 Unsolved Mysteries (41470) 9.00 Melrose Place (61234) 10.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (64321) 11.00 The Untouchables (29383) 12.00 The Streets of San Francisco (42967) 1.00am Night Court (54884) 1.30-2.00 Maniac Mansion (68161)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (15741) 9.30 ABC Nightline (43692) 10.30 Beyond 2000 (38429) 11.30 Japan Business Today (73147) 12.30pm News and Business Report (38465) 1.30 CBS News (86924) 2.30 Parliament Live (64741) 4.30 News and Business Report (2050) 5.00 Live at Five (218166) 7.30 Target (2609) 9.30 Talkback (10586) 11.30 CBS News (44494) 12.30am ABC News (14242) 1.30 Target (67180) 2.30 Beyond 2000 (11548) 3.30 Talkback (16083) 4.30 Target (93093) 5.30-6.00 CBS News (45971)

SKY MOVIES
6.10am Showcase (29845296)
10.00 The Harlem Globetrotters on Gilligan's Island (1981): Comedy (88316)
12.00 Grayeagle (1978): Western about a father (Ben Johnson) tracking down the man who kidnapped his daughter (28166)
2.00pm Lancelot and Guinevere (1963): The uppity Sir Lancelot is smitten by King Arthur's wife. With Cornel Wilde (55673)
4.00 Joe Panther (1976). Children's adventure about an American Indian boy being initiated into adulthood by his tribe (1692)
6.00 The Harlem Globetrotters on Gilligan's Island (as 10am) (75437)
8.00 Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot (1992). Sylvester Stallone's quiet life is disturbed by his gun-toting mother (Estelle Getty) (47654)
10.00 House Party 2 (1991): Follow-up to the rap movie, *House Party* (113741)
11.35 Graveyard Shift (1990): Killer rats plague textile workers (363079)
1.10am Walking Tall Part 2: Vengeance Trail (1975). A sheriff (Bo Svenson) takes revenge on his wife's killers (293797)
2.55 Vietnam War Story: The Last Days (1990). A trio of films based on the Vietnam War. With Haing S Ngor (8952258)
4.20-6.05 Grayeagle (as midday) (173161)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm In a Lonely Place (1950, b/w): A brutal screenwriter is suspected of murder. With Humphrey Bogart (53611499)
7.35 Special Feature: Tales from Hollywood (184654)
8.00 Little Shop of Horrors (1960): A flower shop assistant feeds his customers to a huge carnivorous plant (97383)
9.30 The Day of the Locust (1975): Donald Sutherland and Karen Black play losers in 1930s Hollywood (113012) Ends at 12.00

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Bundle of Joy (1956): Debbie Reynolds finds an abandoned baby (71079)
8.00 Ali Baba: Animated children's adventure with Ali Baba and his 40 thieves (70215)
9.00 Around the World in 80 Days: The adventures of Phileas Fogg (60789)
10.00 Marty (1955, b/w): Butcher Ernest Borgnine has given up on love (34166)
12.00 The Bandit of Sherwood Forest (1946): With Cornel Wilde (26708)
2.00pm And Your Name Is Jonah (1979): A deaf boy is wrongly diagnosed as being mentally retarded (65215)
4.00 Ali Baba (as 8am) (17925)
5.00 Around the World in 80 Days (as 9am) (9470)
6.00 Final Verdict (1991): Biopic of 1920s defence lawyer Earl Rogers (73079)
8.00 Death Dreams (1990): A couple are haunted by their dead daughter (45296)
10.00 Kickboxer II: The Road Back (1991). Martial arts sequel (64505)
11.30 Omen IV: The Awakening (1991): A couple discover that their adopted baby girl is the spawn of the devil (355050)
1.05am Final Judgment (1989): A murderer stalks a group of friends (625987)
2.40 The Hunting Party (1971): Violent western starring Gene Hackman (120068)
4.30-6.00 Final Verdict (as 6pm) (99890)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (4355079) 7.15 Prime Bodies (966873) 7.45 Basketball (965944) 8.15 Soccer News (6722708) 8.30 Ringside (80944) 9.00 Prime Bodies (71296) 9.30 The Big League (14857) 11.30 Tennis (9681418) 5.00pm Ringside (8383) 5.30 Basketball (6418) 6.00 Soccer News (478050) 6.15 Netbusters (473605) 6.30 Classic Super Bowls (97692) 7.30 Field Hockey (23215) 8.30 The Boss (6302) 9.00 The Football Show (42532) 10.00 Soccer News (962215) 10.15-1.00am Tennis (24548741)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (89166) 8.00 Skiing (729857) 10.30 Ski Jumping (31383) 11.30 Alpine Skiing (73012) 1.00pm Tennis (61895) 3.00 Skiing (1234) 3.30 American Football (87031) 5.00 Eurogoals (2586) 6.00 Figure Skating (81296) 7.30 News (1963) 8.00 Figure Skating (60215) 9.30 Skiing (18657) 10.00 Snooker (71147) 12.00-12.30am Eurosport News (62616)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (1320470) 7.30 Neighbours (1349505) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (7278586) 8.30 EastEnders (7277857) 9.00 The Bill (7231437) 9.30 Driving Ambition (6479789) 10.30 Wings (6807944) 11.30 The Sullivans (7353302) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (7271673) 12.30pm Neighbours (9563418) 1.00 EastEnders (1329741) 1.30 The Bill (9562789) 2.00 'Allo 'Allo! (5107012) 2.30 Brush Strokes (1492079) 3.00 Dallas (7364418) 4.00 The Colbys (7073296) 4.55 Blankety Blank (57746708) 6.25 Give Us a Clue (62314789) 5.55 Happy Ever After (1404895) 6.30 EastEnders (1477760) 7.00 Driving Ambition (3886166) 8.00 'Allo 'Allo! (5127876) 8.30 Brush Strokes (5106383) 9.00 Wings (3875050) 10.00 The Bill (7272302) 10.30 Carrott Confidential (7281050) 11.00 Top of the Pops (3932609) 11.35 Dr Who (2519875) 12.05am FILM: The Young Stranger (1957, b/w). A film executive fights with his son when the boy is arrested (32485548) 1.35 Video Bites (6023426) 2.15-7.00 Night Shopping (34001203)

CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am RaiKan II (37499) 6.30 Spiff and Hercules (64079) 7.00 Bears Island (3561296) 7.20 Dogtanian (506215) 7.45 Pugwall (505586) 8.15 Head to Head (8450012) 8.30 Teddy Ruxpin (24302) 9.00 Droibee Time (65708) 11.00 RaiKan II (93383) 11.30 Spiff and Hercules (94012) 12.00 Bears Island (8545031) 12.20pm Dogtanian (111296) 12.45 Pugwall (143895) 1.15 Head to Head (55634944) 1.30 Teddy Ruxpin (44654) 2.00 Madeline (9031) 2.30 Cupido (1278234) 2.45 Babar (123031) 3.15 RaiKan II (8131692) 3.20 Baby Follies (6567857) 3.45 Rude Dog (4580789) 3.55 Head to Head (8269944) 4.00 Bookman's World (8654) 4.30-5.00 T-Rex (7168)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Dawn Patrol (83505) 7.30 Guts (62012) 8.00 Rugrats (89215) 8.30 Fraggle Rock (88586) 9.00 Out of Control (11186) 9.30 Cartoon Kablooey (38079) 10.00 Wisdom of the Gnomes (53876) 10.30 We All Have Tales (91050) 11.00 Cartoons (73505) 11.30 Wild Side Show (74234) 12.00 Zany Adventures (82302) 12.30pm The World of David the Gnome (32895) 1.00 Storytime (82876) 1.30 Eureeka's Castle (49302) 2.30 Fraggle Rock (3944) 3.00 Zany Adventures (4708) 3.30 Speed Racer (5789) 4.00 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (4296) 4.30 Get the Picture (3708) 5.00 Clarissa Explains it All (6925) 5.30 Guts (7760) 6.00 Rugrats (4673) 6.30-7.00 The Monkees (5925)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Global Family (1474673) 4.30 Coral Reef (1470857) 5.00 Going Places (7380760) 5.55 Only in Hollywood (8253654) 6.05 Beyond 2000 (1282925) 7.00 Nature by Profession (3884708) 8.00 The Stars (5125418) 8.30 Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious World (5104925) 9.00 Wings (3873692) 10.00 Disappearing Worlds (3683079) 11.00 Deep Probe Expeditions (1337760)

BRAVO
12.00 Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (7266741) 12.30pm FILM: Carnival (1946, b/w). A ballerina marries a farmer (16343944) 2.15 FILM: Berlin Express (1948, b/w): Spy thriller set in post-war Germany (6640079) 3.45 Art Linkletter (14381418) 4.00 The Flying Nun (1478499) 4.30 My Three Sons (1487383) 5.00 The Beverly Hillbillies (5116760) 5.30 Donny and Marie (1481963) 6.00 The Invisible Man (1488876) 6.30 Torchy (1479128) 7.00 The Partridge Family (3871234) 8.00 FILM: Ivanhoe (1952): Medieval swashbuckler (3851470) 10.00 FILM: The Last Voyage (1960) A luxury liner springs a leak (1898147) 11.30-12.00 The Twilight Zone (2647352)

UK LIVING
7.00am Living (3096079) 8.00 Your Child (9374470) 8.30 Bon Voyage (9373741) 9.00 Days of Our Lives (7107505) 10.00 Dr Ruth (3561925) 10.30 Young and the Restless (8101470) 11.30 Floyd (3808296) 12.00 Stars and Signs (61008895) 12.15pm Practical Living (12892906) 12.30 Housecalls (6273673) 1.00 First Time Garden (7513505) 1.30 Bon Voyage (6272944) 2.00 Agony Hour (3562654) 3.00 Living (8882031) 3.45 Gladrags and Glamour (36046215) 4.00 Definition (7059741) 4.30 Infatuation (7055925) 5.00 Music Quest (5842234) 5.30 Fame and Fortune (8483031) 5.45 Kilroy (4497586) 6.30 Madhur Jaffrey (1300499) 7.30 That's Amore (7056654) 7.30 Maternal World (7056654) 8.00 Young and the Restless (5323654) 9.00 FILM: Crimes of the Heart (1986): Sisters are reunited (5326741) 11.00 That's Amore (3820876) 11.30 Infatuation (3590437) 12.00-1.00am Agony Hour (3043987)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (2893) 5.30 Black Stallion (8418) 6.00 Where I Live (8031) 6.30 Family Catchphrase (9383) 7.00 The Pyramid Game (2037) 7.30 All Clued Up (8895) 8.00 Cats Eyes (34128) 9.00 Lou Grant (47692) 10.00 Trivial Pursuit (36147) 10.30 Evening Shade (45895) 11.00 Remington Steele (94708) 12.00-1.00am The Big Valley (35635)

MTV
6.00am Wild Side (974505) 9.00 VJ Ingo (601147) 12.00 Greatest Hits (66876) 1.00pm VJ Simone (732296) 3.30 The Report (4586963) 3.45 At the Movies (4581418) 4.00 News (7720166) 4.15 3 from 1 (7710789) 4.30 Dial MTV (6296) 5.00 Soul (2741) 5.30 Music Non-Stop (82470) 7.00 LL Cool J (2505) 7.30 Uptown Unplugged (65215) 8.30 Beavis and Butt-Head (7960) 9.00 Greatest Hits (49050) 10.00 The Report (762302) 10.15 At the Movies (767857) 10.30 News (507741) 10.45 3 from 1 (506296) 11.00 Hit List (73499) 1.00am VJ Marijne (57513) 2.00 Videos (8292567)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (11963) 7.00 Gujarati, Bengali and Punjabi News (72586) 7.30 Asian Morning (84321) 8.00 Hindi News (29857) 8.30 Urdu News (1732050) 8.45 English News (1737505) 9.00 New Serial (33673) 10.00 Tamil FILM (690031) 1.00pm New Serial (71857) 1.30 Hindi FILM Vaasna (517234) 4.30 Kiddie Time (4692) 5.00-6.00 Your Dedications (6944) 7.00 Issu Behane (6789) 7.30 Newstrack (4437) 8.00 English News (156031) 8.15 Hindi FILM: Khoon Baha Ganga Mein (38291741) 11.15 Repeat Serial (305079) 12.05am Five Past Midnight (2007819) 1.35 Sight and Sound (37426971)

TNT
Tonight's Theme: Hooray for Hollywood
7.00pm Hollywood Canteen (1944, b/w): A soldier falls for a starlet (66511050) 9.20 Hollywood Hotel (1937, b/w): Warner musical about a sax player and a troubled radio show. With Dick Powell (87461876) 11.25 Pick a Star (1937, b/w): Laurel and Hardy play fairy godmothers to an innocent girl hoping to become an actress (70136499) 12.45am Abbott and Costello in Hollywood (1945, b/w) Theatrical agents Bud and Lou cause their usual chaos (98937249) 2.15-3.45 The Youngest Profession (1943, b/w) An autograph hunter suspects her father of having an affair (59715242)

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Sugar can affect England outcome

Venables fate dependent on FA hearing

BY KEITH PIKE

ALAN Sugar, the business tycoon who drove Terry Venables out of White Hart Lane, can today also deprive him of the job he covets most — manager of the England football team. However, the likelihood is that Venables will have fulfilled his dream by the end of the week and possibly by teatime tomorrow.

Sugar, the Tottenham Hotspur chairman, who dismissed Venables as the club's chief executive in May, appears before an FA Premier League commission of enquiry that has been investigating alleged financial irregularities at the club. As a result of Sugar's evidence, Venables will either be confirmed as Graham Taylor's successor or removed from the running.

The Football Association, as well as Venables, will be holding its breath. After scouring the country for seven weeks, during which time Venables's rivals for the job were ruled out one by one, it has finally settled on Venables as the man to reinvigorate an England team that failed calamitously in the World Cup qualifying campaign. Only Sugar can sour its hopes.

That Venables's credentials, measured simply in coaching terms, are overwhelming is not open to doubt. That his business dealings, both inside and outside the sport, have jeopardised his chances is equally clear. Even yesterday, as fresh allegations about Venables were being made in the *Financial Times*, Rick Parry, the chief executive of the FA Premier League, was denying suggestions that Venables has already been cleared of any supposed misdemeanours that might delay his appointment, or deprive him of it altogether.

Privately, however, the inquiry team is confident that it will not hear any fresh evidence from Sugar today that will hinder the FA in its attempt to have Venables installed by Saturday, when the draw for the 1996 European championship rounds will be made in Manchester.

Parry, together with Steve Coppell, the former Crystal Palace manager, and Robert Reid QC, have been investigating claims made in the High Court last summer that a "bung" — an irregular cash payment — had been made by Tottenham to complete the transfer of the striker, Teddy Sheringham, from Nottingham Forest to White Hart Lane. Venables was then the club's chief executive.

The report in yesterday's *Financial Times* repeated allegations made in a Panorama programme on BBC television last year that Venables had acted improperly during the build-up to his takeover at Tottenham with Sugar in 1991.



Venables: waiting

It is believed that Parry has informed the FA international sub-committee charged with appointing the next England manager that the commission has so far heard nothing that would force the FA to bring charges against Venables.

Yesterday, however, Parry said: "Anyone suggesting that any individual or club has been exonerated or cleared is, to say the least, premature."

Sugar's appearance before the commission today was, he said, purely coincidental. "Our inquiry is a totally separate matter and the FA have certainly not asked us to hurry up the procedure. We are not going to deviate from our original route of inquiry. We have quite deliberately included a Queen's Counsel in our investigating team to give it real integrity and independence." However, if the privately-held view by the commission — that all the significant evidence Sugar holds has already been given to them — proves correct, confirmation of Venables' appointment should follow swiftly.

The international sub-committee, comprising Sir Bert Millichip, the FA chairman, Graham Kelly, the chief executive, Ian Stott, of Oldham Athletic, and Noel White, of Liverpool, met yesterday. This evening, along with its advisor, Jimmy Armfield, it hopes to be in a position to offer the job to Venables, and tomorrow — with Wembley stadium tipped as the most likely venue — the FA can officially parade its new man.

☐ Unlike England, Wales do not expect to have a manager in place by Saturday, but they do by the end of the month and yesterday Terry Yorath's chances of retaining his position appeared stronger.

Alun Evans, the chief executive of the Football Association of Wales (FAW), confirmed that Bobby Robson, the former England manager, had rejected an approach at the weekend. Yorath's name is now one of four on its shortlist.

"You are always disappointed when someone pulls out of the running," Evans said. "Obviously, this reduces our options, but we understand his reasons and concerns. There are plenty of other names in the frame. We would not have made a decision this week anyway." Yorath's contract expired on December 31 after he had failed to renegotiate improved terms following Wales's elimination from the World Cup. He has since reapplied for his old job.

"We don't feel it is necessary to have a manager in place for the draw," Evans said. "We will have a manager before the end of the month."

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Colourless Witt is far from rosy



Katarina Witt, the former Olympic champion, asks *Where Have All The Flowers Gone?* during her routine at the European figure skating championships yesterday. Report page 40. Photograph: Thomas Kienzle

Christie backs enquiry over suicide

BY JOHN GOODBODY

ANDY Norman must either resign or be sacked as promotions officer in the controversy over the suicide of Cliff Temple, the sports journalist and coach, a source on the management board of the British Athletic Federation (BAF) said yesterday.

With the BAF agreeing to hold a further enquiry at its 15-strong management board meeting on February 4, into claims that Norman falsely accused Temple of sexually harassing female athletes, there is mounting pressure on Norman to leave his post as the most powerful British administrator in athletics.

As 350 friends, athletes and colleagues gathered in Folkestone yesterday at the funeral of Temple, athletics correspondent of *The Sunday Times* since 1969, Linford Christie, the captain of the British team and Olympic 100 metres champion, welcomed the enquiry.

Speaking from Australia, where he is undergoing winter training, he said: "It is important for every individual to be given the opportunity to respond to allegations and rumours in the media. Let us hope this can be done, bearing in mind the feelings of Cliff's family."

In one of the "suicide" notes left by Temple, who was found dead on a railway line in Kent, ten days ago, he wrote of the rumours about him and denied them.

The BAF is asking *The Sunday Times* for a copy of the tape in which Norman intimated that if the newspaper published an article harmful to his fiancée, Fatima Whitbread, the 1987 world javelin champion, then an allegation might be spread that Temple molested Shireen Bailey, the 1988 Olympic finalist, who was coached by the journalist. Bailey has denied that there is any truth in the allegations.

Norman has not denied that he accused Temple, although he gave an undertaking to BAF officials in September that he would not repeat them.

A 16-page guide to the 1994 *Times* corporate golf challenge

Cricket protest provokes uproar in Australia

Alan Lee looks at a controversy that has highlighted an unexpected form of sexual discrimination in sport



Annetts: protest

Selection of sporting teams has ever been a source of controversy, but the arguments are usually restricted to ability rather than sexuality. In Australia this week, however, Denise Annetts is claiming she has been omitted from the national women's cricket team simply because she is not a lesbian.

Annetts, 29, has been the outstanding batsman in the Australian women's game for the past decade. The holder of 13 Test caps, she is their leading scorer in one-day cricket and played in the last two World Cups, sharing a record match-winning stand against England in the 1988 final. Now, after finding herself left out of the party which has just left for a tour of New Zealand, she has taken steps that could have repercussions for all women's sport.

The claim of Annetts, a pharmacist, is that because she is a married heterosexual, her face does not fit with those who run the Australian team. This is not a peculiarly Australian problem, nor one confined to cricket. Women's sport, in this country and overseas, contains many such cases, but few, if any, of those who have previously suspected such persecution have gone public.

Annetts went very public. She took her case to the Anti-Discrimination Board, which is funded by the Australian government. By so doing, she realised she was terminating her cricket career: "Taking this course has blown out of the water my chances of ever getting back into the national team," she conceded.

She appears to be right on that count. Belinda Clarke, who replaced the long-standing Lyn Larsen as Australia's captain after their failure in last summer's World Cup, has replied to the charges with some asperity: "Denise has been left out because of her ability. It's a form thing and I think these allegations are ridiculous, just sour grapes."

Annetts, whose grouse is far more with those who administer the sport than those who play it, will not be surprised to find she has no support, either, from the president of the Australian Women's Cricket Council, Ann Mitchell, whose view on the fallen star is "she isn't fully fit".

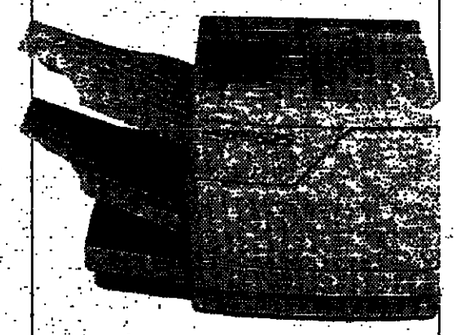
What Annetts cannot have expected, though, was the extraordinary, official response to her complaint. The Anti-Discrimination Board has told her that it cannot consider her case because although it is illegal, under Australian law, to discriminate against homosexuals, it is not illegal to discriminate against heterosexuals.

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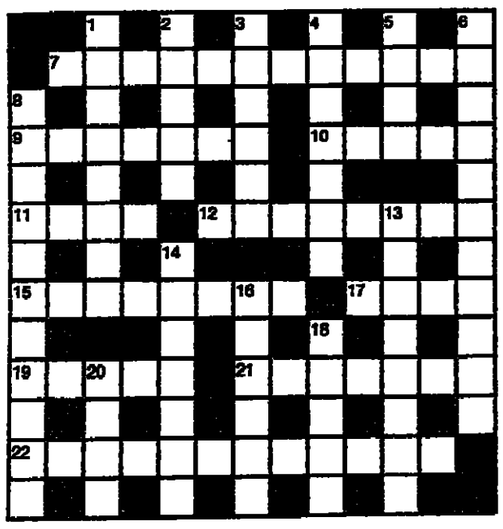
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17 Italian city with famous cathedral bell tower (4)
19 In itself (3,2)
21 Most relevant (7)
22 Senior Orthodox bishop (12)

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4 Joyful anniversary (7)
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8 Small manual fire-extinguisher (7,4)
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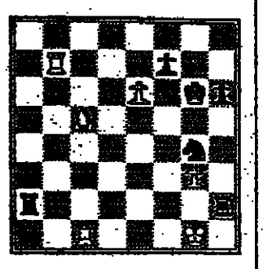
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By Raymond Keene

Today's position is from the game Hebden - Rogers, Hastings Premier 1993. Connected rooks on the seventh rank are a terrifying sight for the defender. Here Black can force a quick checkmate. Can you see how?



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By Philip Howard

DISSIGHT
a. To blind
b. An eyesore
c. A spy-hole squint

ENDAMASK
a. A pantomime mask
b. To paint
c. To lodge with

HOMONOMOUS
a. Under the same law
b. Dwelling among men
c. Agreeing with

IRADE
a. An angry tirade
b. The tree philadelphus
c. A Turkish decree

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